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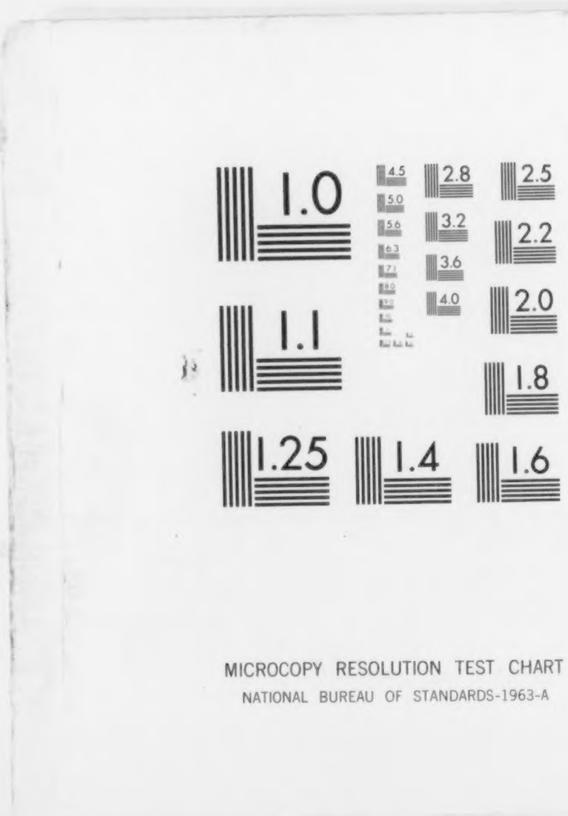

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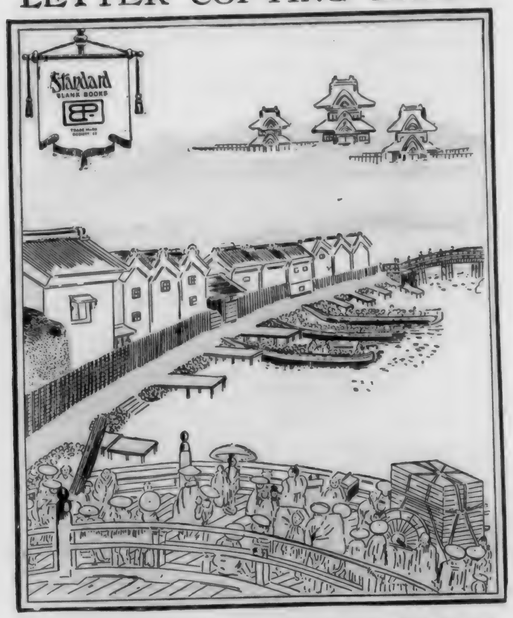

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May 16, 1921.

Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Nelson:

Thanks for yours of the 14th enclosing an enlarged photograph of Macrogeomys dariensis togith-er with two flat prints from negatives taken by me in 1910 of Black Bears in Yosemite Valley.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 16, 1921.

Major E. A. Goldman,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Goldman:

The enlarged print from your negative of Macrogeomys, together with two prints from my negatives of Yosemite Bears, arrived by this morning's mail for which I am very much obliged.

C. R. Johnstone, whose letter you sent me on the 10th inst., has forwarded Bear skulls from time to time. I have written him

Thanking you for your kind offices in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 16, 1921.

Mr. James F. McCue, Attorney,
512 Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Sir:

When in your office last July, I was surprised to see on your wall a photograph of Bears taken by you in Yosemite Valley in 1910. I was in the act of photographing the same Bears at the same time, and appear in your picture.

It so happened that you also were in two of my negatives. I promised to send you prints of these, which are herewith enclosed.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 16, 1921.

Mr. Edward A. Preble,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Preble:

In compliance with your request of the 14th inst., I am enclosing herewith a very brief statement concerning the work on Mt. Rainier done by my party in 1897.

Please look in all three catalogues (Vernon Bailey's, Walter Fisher's, and A. K. Fisher's) and find the number of specimens of mammals and birds, and kindly insert same in the blanks left for the purpose on page 2 of the enclosed notes.

On looking over my Journal, I find that I have 56 closely written pages on this trip. A couple of years ago Taylor brought a stenographer up here and copied what he wanted of this material.

I regret that the report has to be published elsewhere instead of by the Biological Survey.

When you have footed up the total number of mammals and birds collected by my party, kindly drop me a line, or phone me, so that I may add the numbers to my notes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

BIOLOGICAL SURVEY WORK ON MT. RAINIER IN 1897

In July 1897 Dr. C. Hart Merriam, with Vernon Bailey and Walter K. Fisher as assistants, crossed the Cascade Range with a pack outfit from North Yakima to Mt. Rainier. The crossing was made in a very difficult place in the neighborhood of North Cowlitz Pass, whence the descent on the west side led to the upper waters of Cowlitz River, which was followed down to Skate Creek. Here the ground was honeycombed with burrows of a large taillews rodent of the genus Aplodontia, so that the horses continually broke through up to their bellies and were greatly exhausted before reaching the trail that led over the Sawtooth Range. This trail was followed up to the summit of the ridge at the south end of Skate Mountain, 4,000 feet above the river. Then, the north slope of Sawtooth Range was descended to Longmire Springs, whence a southerly slope of Mt. Rainier was climbed to Paradise Park, where camp was established and where they were joined by Dr. A. K. Fisher, who had been sent in advance via the Nisqually Road and had already made important collections. Active

field work was continued in the Paradise Park region from August 2 to 9, when the party descended to the forest cabin of the venerable botanist, Professor Oscar D. Allen, whence they followed up Rainier Fork and camped in Indian Henry's Hunting Ground, where they worked until noon of the 13th.

In the course of the work on Mt. Rainier, specimens of mammals and of birds were secured and forwarded to the Biological Survey collection and are now in the U. S. National Museum. In addition to these, many specimens were collected while crossing the Cascade Range, from July 26 to July 31. And furthermore, on both east and west slopes of the Cascades, on north and south slopes of the Sawtooth Range, and on southerly and southwesterly slopes of Mt. Rainier, numerous points along the boundaries of the life zones were determined with considerable accuracy, and copious notes were made on the distribution and abundance of various species. Dr. Taylor has had access to this material in the preparation of his report.

May 17, 1921.

Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Enclosed herewith is a letter from Dr. Charles Stuart Moody of Menan, Idaho, in relation to his son who is anxious to secure a position for field work in the Biological Survey.

As you will see from this letter, he is a strapping young man of twenty-eight, a greduate of the University of Idaho, and trained as a civil engineer, but feeling that he has more aptitude for natural history work. From what I know of his father, I feel that the son would make good in a subordinate position with one of your field parties, and that he would develop into a good field naturalist. He wants a chance, and I hope you may have some temporary position which he may fit into.

Perhaps you can tell the Doctor the kind of a place the the Woodhouse Jay nests in.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 17, 1921.

Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Owners of land in the western part of the Adirondacks are suffering great loss from the dam habits of the introduced Beaver. Captain Lyon de Camp and others have spoken to me about this for the past two years, and recently I have received the following from my brother, C. Collins Merriam, of Lyons Falls, Lewis County, New York:

"There is not a stream or pond or lake on any property owned by us or by the Fishers or de Camps where the Beavers have not built dams and let water back and killed endless amount of timber -- and the State repudiates paying the damage. We want expert advice what to do."

Can you supply the advice asked for?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 17, 1921.

Dr. Charles Stuart Moody,
Menan, Idaho.

Dear Dr. Moody:

Your letter of the 11th inst. came this morning and I am obliged for the information it contains. I am taking the matter up with Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, in the hope that he may find some place in one of his field parties which your son could fill to mutual advantage. If your son were qualified in the way of collecting and preparing specimens of mammals and birds, there would probably be no difficulty in obtaining a position. However, we will hope for the best.

You ask about the nesting of Woodhouse Jay. According to my recollection, they usually build in willow thickets and other dense brush in the neighborhood of streams.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 17, 1921.

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Not having heard from you in reply to my letter of May 7, and being exceedingly anxious to secure the document asked for, "1079 W 1. 1: 1860" containing report of the Secretary of War, I write again to ask if this document can be had. I am leaving for California in a short time, and am particularly desirous of getting it before I go.

An early reply will oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 17, 1921.

The Cadmus Book Shop,
312 West 34th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

Your catalogue No. 62 contains item 996, Yosemite Guide Book, published by authority of the Legislature of California, 1869, price $2.50. If still unsold, please send me.

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. [illegible]

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May 18, 1921.

Professor C. F. Marvin,
Chief Weather Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Marvin:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant, just received, would state that the name Grand River, recently "changed" to Colorado River by the Colorado Legislature, has not been formally acted on by the U. S. Geographic Board.

It may be stated, however, that if either of the two rivers that unite to form the Colorado is to take the name Colorado, it should be the Green, not the Grand. One of the principles adopted years ago by the Geographic Board is that "in case of a river the name should follow up its longest branch." According to the rule, if the name Colorado is to be extended to the headwaters of either stream, it should follow the Green, whose length is 700 miles, not the Grand, whose length is only 423 miles. The catchment basin of the Green is given by the U. S. Geological Survey as 44,400 square miles; that of the Grand as only 25,900 square miles. The flow of the Grand, however, in some seasons at least, is somewhat greater than that of the Green.

In the days of the fur-traders and early explorers Green River was variously called the 'Colorado or Spanish River'

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[in use before 1811], the 'Rio Colorado of the West', and the 'Green or Colorado'. Elliott Coues in his editorial comments on Larpenteur's 'Forty Years a Fur Trader' (1833-72, published in 1898) remarks: "Green River is also often and not improperly called the Colorado, as it is the main upper reach of that great stream" (p. 30). And Chittenden states that the name Colorado River was formerly applied to the whole river, Green and Colorado together, "but now only to that portion below the junction of the Green and Grand" (History American Fur-Trade, 1902).

I have not yet had time to make anything approaching a complete search of the early literature on exploration and travel in the Rocky Mountain region, but from a number of books on the subject, comprising records of early Fur Traders and explorers, it appears that the names Colorado River, Colorado of the West, Green or Colorado, or Rio Colorado, the Great Colorado of the West, and other similar forms were universally applied to the Green from or before 1810 until the late fifties. This is shown by the records of Captain James Beckwourth 1822, Jedediah Smith 1824, W. H. Ashley 1825, Bonneville 1832, J. K. Townsend 1834, Samuel Parker 1835, Zenas Leonard 1839, Asahel Munger 1839, Father de Smet 1841, Fremont 1842, Joel Palmer 1845-6, Bryant 1846, Washington Irving 1849, Colton's Map of California, Oregon, Texas, and Territories 1849, Stansbury 1852, Delano 1854, and so on.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 18, 1921.

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 East 15th St.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

Thanks very much for your letter, but I was very sorry not to see you again in the flesh. However I believe you said you were coming on here again the latter part of the month, and since it now looks as if I should be here until the end, we may be able to get together once more before pulling apart for the summer.

In the August 1917 number of Forest and Stream a fellow by the name of Hancock M. Johnston published an article entitled The Bear Hunt at San Pascual incidentally illustrating San Pascual with Mrs. Grinnell's photograph of the towering mountain in Glacier Park. But the point I want to ask about is this: Johnston describes the details of a Grizzly roping bee in the San Pascual country in the early days, but if he says anything about the date, I have missed it. Have you any means of knowing approximately the year in which this hunt took place?

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

To check these particulars in my forthcoming.

May 18, 1921.

Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

If I am not mistaken, your predatory animal men furnish the Biological Survey with reports on the Game Animals of the various states. I am anxious to learn where Grizzly Bears now exist in the Western United States aside from Yellowstone National Park and the adjoining Absoroka and Wind River Mountains along its eastern border, and shall be very thankful if you will kindly have some one send me the information your files contain on this subject.

If this can be done in the very near future, it will be a great favor as I want to incorporate the information (in most cases omitting exact localities) in an article I am trying to complete before my departure for California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 18, 1921.

John A. Koons, Esq.,
Ironclad Roofing Co.,
410 F St., Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accepting your bid for waterproofing my garage and adjoining walls on April 9, I stipulated that the job should be completed within the next few days. This was considerably more than a month ago and the job has not yet been completed as your foreman will explain to you. He agreed when here last to have the remainder attended to at once, but up to date no one from your establishment has shown up.

As I am leaving for California in the near future, it would seem to be worth while to complete the job now.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart [illegible]

May 21, 1921.

Mr. James McCormick,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

In connection with the remarkable trip of Jedediah Smith across the deserts from Great Salt Lake to San Diego in 1826 I have become interested in tracing his route. If I am not mistaken, Dale and others from unfamiliarity with the region have erred in the route they have indicated.

In order to settle the matter I need detailed maps of southwestern Utah and the adjacent part of extreme eastern Nevada covering the course of the Virgin and Muddy Rivers. Has the Survey any map sheets of this region? If you can help me I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 23, 1921.

Mr. W. H. Alexander,
Chico, Calif.

My dear Sir:

For several years I have been collecting odds and ends of material and references to General Bidwell and his records relating to California Indians in the early days. Recently I have been told that you have copies of works on General Bidwell's life -- one prepared by Colonel Royce, the other by Marcus Benjamin. I should like to procure these, and if you will kindly send me one copy of each with bill for same, I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I once visited the ranch several times, when General and Mrs Bidwell shared in the life [illegible] an Irish setter, a fine intelligent [illegible]

May 23, 1921.

Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Nelson:

Very many thanks for the prints of Bear skulls transmitted with your letter of the 19th instant. I will fix up the set for Colonel McGuire and forward them to him at once.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 23, 1921.

Mr. W. H. Alexander,
Chico, Calif.

My dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

I have visited the ranch several times, when General + Mrs Bidwell showed me the big [illegible] I also saw early relics, rather interesting objects.

May 23, 1921.

Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief,
U. S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

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Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

May 23, 1921.

Colonel James A. McGuire,
Editor 'Outdoor Life',
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Colonel McGuire:

You remind me of my sister: She asks more questions in ten minutes than I can answer in six months.

However, since the receipt of yours of the 2nd inst., I have been at work on the skull measurements of big Bears which you asked for, and also tried with only partial success to secure the photographs you wanted. As a matter of fact, skull photographs, except to technical students of mammals, rarely show differences enough to appeal to the ordinary observer, hence from my point of view it would hardly be worth while to publish so many as you asked for.

Those that show the most striking contrast are Mallinckrodt's Peninsula Bear, Ursus gyas, and the great Kadiak Bear, Ursus middendorffi. Profile views of these are enclosed herewith and should be reduced to scale and printed side by side to give the right effect. As they stand, Mallinckrodt's gyas, which is a couple of inches longer than the accompanying skull of the Kadiak Bear (No. 96509), is decidedly smaller, owing to the lamentable condition of the Biological Survey's photographic business at the present time. Owing to excessive overcrowding, it has been deemed necessary to store the large cameras and the negatives and other photographic material, so that a search for a particular negative necessitates the going to three different buildings and working over thousands of negatives to find the one desired. In the case of at least two of the skulls wanted, the negative was not found, and the enclosed photograph of the Kadiak Bear (No. 96509) was photographed from the illustration published by me several years ago in North American Fauna, No. 41.

All of the good photographs are from negatives that I had made some years ago. None of these are to scale, but they should be reproduced to scale by making use of the measurements (either greatest length or condylo-basal length) in the accompanying table of measurements. The man who makes your electros can easily do this, of course.

Enclosed also is a note entitled Relative Sizes of Skulls of the Largest American Bears which may contain some of the information you asked for.

I am writing an article on The Present Status of Grizzlies in the United States, treating the subject by regions and mentioning the localities where certain species still exist, and also the species that are believed to have become extinct during the last fifty years. If Outdoor Life would care for an article of this kind, I may send it to you.

I realize that the enclosed note is about as dry and uninteresting as anything can be, but it is hard to put much of in-

terest in statistics or measurements.

In reading the last number of Outdoor Life I was pleased to see that you have flopt in the matter of protection of Alaska Bears. It is a good sign when such positive men as E. W. Nelson and Colonel McGuire are willing to publicly announce a change of heart.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Mearns

For these photo prints we are indebted to E. W. Nelson, acting Biologist in charge.

The three species of Grizzly whose skull photographs are enclosed herewith are: magister from southern California, rogersi from Gray Bull in the Absaroka Mountains, and bairdi from Sabelle Hole, 65 miles north of Cheyenne. This latter skull belongs to W. C. Bradbury of Denver and was killed by his hunter, Harry Yountz, in 1884. It is a valuable specimen and ought to be in our National Museum with the other Bear skulls, now numbering more than 2,500. This is not only the largest collection of Bear skulls in the world, but outnumbers all other collections put together, and contains so many types and rare specimens that for all time to come students of American Bears can do nothing without it. I borrowed Bradbury's skull several years ago and tried to buy it, but he would neither sell nor present it to the collection. - Cam -

May 23, 1921.

Colonel James A. McGuire,
Editor Outdoor Life,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Colonel McGuire:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me your interesting book In the Alaska-Yukon Gamelands. It is a fine thing for students of our larger mammals as well as for sportsmen and hunters that you have rehabilitated your Outdoor Life articles in this permanent way. Not being willing to take any chances, I cut out and assembled your articles as they originally appeared so that I now have them in both forms. I trust the book will have the circulation it so well merits.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 24, 1921.

Colonel W.B. Greeley,
Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Greeley:

Do the records of the Forest Service contain data on the present distribution of Grizzly Bears in the National Forests?

I am preparing an article on The Present Status of Grizzlies in the United States and am anxious to learn of as many areas as possible where Grizzlies are still to be found, for as you know, they are extinct over more than three-quarters of their former range. I am not interested in the distribution of the common small Black Bear. If you can help me in the matter I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

RELATIVE SIZES OF SKULLS OF THE LARGEST AMERICAN BEARS

1. The Biggest of the Big Brown Bears of Alaska

The largest living carnivores are Bears, and the largest of these inhabit North America. Those of greatest size are the huge Brown Bears of the coast region of Alaska, particularly the Alaska Peninsula Bear (Ursus gyas) and the Kadiak Bear (Ursus middendorffi) full grown males of which weigh in the neighborhood of 2,000 pounds. The question is often asked as to which of the two is the larger. This is difficult to answer for the reason that exact weights and measurements of freshly killed animals are mighty scarce; while the skulls of the two differ so widely in form and proportions that they are hardly comparable. The largest skulls of gyas are longer than those of middendorffi, but they are much narrower and flatter. The skull of the great Kadiak Bear, as shown by the accompanying photograph, is enormously broad across the zygomatic arches, and the top of the skull is highly vaulted, exceeding in this respect all other living Bears.

The largest skull of the Peninsula Bear known to me measures

480 mm (18-7/8 inches) in greatest length, and has a condylo-basal length of 445 mm (17½ inches). It was killed on Bear River, Alaska Peninsula by Captain Wagner and secured by Miss Annie Alexander of Oakland, California, who presented it along with the rest of her splendid collection to the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of the University of California. The next largest specimen was killed at Cold Bay on the Bering Sea side of Alaska Peninsula in June 1920 by E. Mallinckrodt, Jr. of St. Louis, and generously presented to the Biological Survey collection of the U. S. National Museum. This skull measures 465 mm (18-5/16 inches) in greatest length by 425 mm (16-3/4 inches) in condylo-basal length.

Other exceptionally large Bears of this species were killed by C. G. Mixter of Boston and E. Steedman of St. Louis.

Contrasted with these are the measurements of the largest skull known of the great Kadiak Bear. The greatest length of this skull is 457 mm (18 inches), its condylo-basal length 419 mm (16½ inches), but its breadth across the outbowed zygomatic arches

is 306 mm (a trifle over 12 inches), while the dome of the skull is vastly higher than in any other species. This is one of the cases where the usual measurements fail to show the striking peculiarities of the species. For it is evident that while the biggest skull known of the Kadiak Bear is nearly an inch shorter than that of the largest known Peninsula Bear, its breadth and mass are greater and the vault of the cranium is conspicuously higher.

2. The Biggest Grizzlies of the United States

Now as to the Grizzly Bears: There are in the United States, Canada, and Alaska a surprisingly large number of widely distinct species of Grizzlies -- some large, some of medium size, some small. While the larger species are huge animals, they nevertheless are decidedly smaller than the Big Brown Bears of the Alaska coast, as shown by the accompanying table of skull measurements. The largest of all the Grizzlies is the great Ursus magister of the Santa Ana, Santa Rosa, and Cuyamaca Mountains of Southern California. Next comes the California coast Grizzly, Ursus californicus, and then three of

the larger Rocky Mountain species -- bairdi, rogersi, and horribilis.

For contrast with these I have introduced the measurements of an old male of the smallest of all the Grizzlies -- Ursus nelsoni of the Sierra Madre of northern Mexico.

The table of measurements shows clearly that Ursus magister of Southern California is not only the largest of the Grizzlies so far as length of skull is concerned, but also that it is broadest across the top (across the frontal shield)and between the orbits; and the side view of the skull shows that the vault of the cranium is higher -- more domed -- than in any other of our Grizzlies.

The females of all of these Bears are very much smaller than the males -- in some cases so much smaller that it is hard to believe that they belong to the same species.

SKULL MEASUREMENTS OF 5 VERY LARGE OLD MALES OF URSUS GYAS FROM ALASKA PENINSULA

Collection & Number	Locality	Killed by	Greatest length	Condylo-basal length	Palatal length	Postpalatal length	Zygomatic breadth	Interorbital breadth	Breadth across postorbital processes
Museum Vert. Zool. Univ. Calif.No.4718	Bear River	Capt. Wagner							
Biol. Survey Coll. U.S.Nat.Mus.No235991	Cold Bay	E. Mallinckrodt							
Mixter Collection Boston No. 13	Port Moller	C. G. Mixter							
Anderson Collection Denver, Colorado	Unimak Island	Dr. J. Wylie Anderson							
Biol. Survey Coll. U.S.Nat.Mus.No.235988	Pavlof Bay	E. Steedman							

SKULL MEASUREMENTS OF A LARGE OLD MALE URSUS MIDDENDORFFI FROM KADIAK ISLAND

Biol. Survey Coll. U.S.Nat.Mus. No. 134407	Kadiak Island	

SKULL MEASUREMENTS OF SIX ADULT MALE GRIZZLIES OF THE LARGER SPECIES OF THE WESTERN UNITED STATES CONTRASTED WITH AN OLD MALE OF THE SMALLEST GRIZZLY, URSUS NELSONI.

Species	Nat. Museum No.	Locality	Killed by
U. horribilis	202739	Missouri River, E. Mont.	E. S. Cameron & Wife
U. bairdi	150358	San Miguel Mts., Colo.	
U. rogersi	222983	Gray Bull River, Wyo.	Archibald Rogers
U. utahensis	190193	Salina Creek, Utah	Mart Martenson
U. magister	160155	Santa Ana Mts., Calif.	Henry A. Stewart
U. californicus	3630	Monterey, Calif.	

May 30, 1921.

Colonel C. C. Royce,
The Cairo, Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Royce:

Mr. Henshaw has just brought me the handsome copy of your work on General Bidwell that you have been so kind as to give me. I have been looking in second-hand book catalogues for it without success for several years past and am correspondingly delighted to have a copy. I have visited Rancho Chico several times, both before and since General Bidwell's death, and received courtesies from both the General and Mrs. Bidwell.

The General was so closely associated with, and in fact took such a prominent part in, the early history of the State that I have been anxious to obtain everything possible relating to him.

While my special interests are in relation to the Indians of California, I am also interested in everything relating to its history and development. A hasty scanning of your book shows that it is of interest to me throughout, and that it will put me on the track of other interesting documents.

In this connection, I want to say that I have many times

consulted your great work on Indian Land Cessions, published by the Bureau of Ethnology in 1899.

Again thanking you for your book on General Bidwell, and with best wishes for your recovery,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 28, 1921.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

As the owners of the Northumberland apartment decline to renew any leases, I have given up my apartment and am moving to my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street.

The owners agreed to cancel the lease at the end of this month, so there will be no rent bill to pay for June.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 30, 1921.

City Postmaster,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Until further notice please have your mail carriers deliver at my house, 1919 Sixteenth Street, all mail so addressed, and also all mail addressed to the Northumberland apartment for C. Hart Merriam, Mrs. V. E. Merriam, and Miss Zenaida Merriam.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 30, 1921.

Mr. James McCormick,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Very many thanks for the trouble you have taken in digging out and sending me the maps I wanted covering southwestern Utah and southeastern Nevada. They contain most of the information I was seeking except that the Las Vegas sheet received is the one for Las Vegas, New Mexico instead of Las Vegas, Nevada.

There does not seem to exist any single detailed map covering the course of the Meadow Valley Wash and the Muddy on the west and extending far enough east to include the waters of the Virgin. It is obvious to me, however, that Jedediah Smith in 1827 traveled in a general southwesterly direction until he struck the Meadow Valley Wash which he followed southwest to the Muddy, and did not reach the Virgin, if at all, until very low down.

Thanking you for helping me out with these maps,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

June 1, 1921.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am transmitting my expense account for the month of May, amounting to $19.45, along with the accompanying vouchers, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

As I wrote you the other day, we were obliged to give up our office apartment at the Northumberland for the reason that the owners refused to renew any leases. After a tedious search of apartment houses, we failed to find any suitable office apartment for less than $120. per month, which is too much for our fund, so I had everything moved into our house and garage hoping that I may be able to find something available on my return from California in the fall.

Before starting for California, I will turn in another set of vouchers covering stenographer's services, Bear skulls, and other expenses to date.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

Frederick Coville, Automobile and Helper 1½ day for moving light furniture, pictures, and office supplies	$15.00
Merchants' Transfer & Storage Co., for moving heavy office furniture	65.00
Zenaida Merriam, Services	56.00
State Museum, N. Y., Wild Flowers of New York, 2 vols.	7.32
E. Morrison Paper Co., Letter Copy Book, 1000 pages	9.00
May Telephone, Northumberland	2.40

Mr. A. Leese: Camera shutter $12.56 [illegible] 1st was paid by S.I., June 15.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

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	Electric Current, April 22 to May 23	4	1 40
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19.45

C. Hart Merriam

June 1, 1921.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am transmitting my expense account for the month of May, amounting to $19.45, along with the accompanying vouchers, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

As I wrote you the other day, we were obliged to give up our office apartment at the Northumberland for the reason that the owners refused to renew any leases. After a tedious search of apartment houses, we failed to find any suitable office apartment for less than $120. per month, which is too much for our fund, so I had everything moved into our house and garage hoping that I may be able to find something available on my return from California in the fall.

Before starting for California, I will turn in another set of vouchers covering stenographer's services, Bear skulls, and other expenses to date.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

Frederick Coville, Automobile and Helper 1½ day for moving light furniture, pictures, and office supplies	$15.00
Merchants' Transfer & Storage Co., for moving heavy office furniture	65.00
Zenaida Merriam, Services	56.00
State Museum, N. Y., Wild Flowers of New York, 2 vols.	7.32
E. Morrison Paper Co., Letter Copy Book, 1000 pages	9.00
May Telephone, Northumberland	2.40

Mr. A. Leese: Camera shutter #12,56 prob. enclosed with this ltr. was paid by S.I. June 15.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

			Sub-Voucher No.	
1921				
May	10	Expressage on Package to Academy of Sciences, San Francisco	1	$3 18
	13	The Globe-Wernicke Co., 10 File Guides	2	75
		Game Breeder, Subscription 1921		2 00
		Science Monthly, Subscription 1921		5 00
	16	Stamped Envelopes		1 12
	31	Charwoman, Cleaning Office, Month of May	3	5 00
		Janitor		1 00
		Electric Current, April 22 to May 23	4	1 40
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C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

June 1, 1921.

Mr. A. Bonaiti, Postmaster,
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bonaiti:

On and after receipt of this letter, please hold all mail addressed to my family at Lagunitas.

I have been obliged to move my office, which has caused the most disappointing delay. We now hope to get away in about a week, and shall proceed direct to Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 1, 1921.

Superintendent of Documents,
Government Printing Office,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 24, would state that the volume sent me by mistake contained matter of interest and therefore is retained.

The other volume, containing the report of Colonel Dixon in the Report of the Secretary of War, 1860, on the Snake Indians, has also arrived, for which I am enclosing herewith fifty cents in compliance with your endorsement on my letter of May 17.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me the following price lists of government publications:

No. 24 Indians
" 53 Maps
" 69 Pacific States

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 1, 1921.

Colonel H. C. Riser,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Riser:

Can you send me Water Supply Paper 447 treating of the surface water of the Pacific Slope of Southern California? If so, I shall be obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 2, 1921.

Chief, Division of Maps and Charts,
Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Can you tell me the present location of a map of the Western United States prepared in 1826 or 1827 by Jedediah Smith, fur trader and explorer?

I have seen numerous references to this map, and several statements to the effect that it was purchased by the United States Government. The War Department reports that it has no record of it.

Ashley, a partner of Jedediah Smith, furnished Gallatin a small scale copy of what apparently was this map, and the new information contained therein was incorporated by Gallatin in his Map of the Indian Tribes of North America published in the Transactions of the American Antiquarian Society, vol. 2, facing page 264, 1836 (revised edition in Transactions American Ethnological Society, vol. 2, Frontispiece, 1848).

The original is said to have been a rather large map with much detail not shown by Gallatin. I am anxious to locate it with special reference to some of Jedediah Smith's routes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

June 2, 1921.

Mr. Will C. Barnes,
Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Thanks for your letter of May 25 in relation to Grizzly Bears. I shall be very glad if you will ask your Supervisors to report on the presence of Grizzlies in the various Forests, so that next fall we may be able to locate the areas still inhabited by these animals.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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June 2, 1921.

G. E. Stechert & Co.,
151 West 25th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

In my letter of May 13 I asked if you would kindly send me, with bill for same, all numbers of the International Journal of American Linguistics, published to date, except No. 1 which I already had. You replied under date of May 16 that you had entered my subscription for the Journal, and stated that only two numbers had been published. In this case why have you not sent me No. 2? Nothing has been received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 7, 1921.

Mr. R. A. Whall, Manager,
Metropolitan Air Goods Co.,
Athol, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 15 last, would say that I do not know of any "reliable up-to-date dealer in Washington" who would be apt to handle your goods satisfactorily.

In this same letter you offer to send on approval to my California home such articles as I may select from your catalogue of air goods. Acting on this suggestion, I shall be glad if you will send me one of your Brownie Camp Pads, size No. 1, 25 by 48 inches; and also 1 No. 8 Zephyr Single Cushion, 15 by 15 inches, with bill for same.

Be sure to send with them one of your air pumps so that they may be inflated without putting valve to the mouth.

If these goods can be sent by parcels post, they should be addressed to me at my summer home, Lagunitas, Marin County. But if they have to be sent by express, they should be addressed to me at San Geronimo, for the reason that there is no express office at Lagunitas.

In case you are seeking an agent in San Francisco, I would suggest the Ellery Arms Co., on Market St., as they are one of the principal and most reliable firms in the City.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 6, 1921.

Dr. Charles S. Moody,
Menan, Idaho.

Dear Dr. Moody:

Thanks for your letter of May 28 in regard to the desert Grizzlies. I am very glad to know that some of these animals are still living in the Arco and Minidoka Desert region, and wish I was in shape to join you on a hunt for them.

I am just now getting ready to go to my summer home in California from which as a base I expect to be off on field work for the next six months. Later on I hope I may be able to accept your invitation. Meanwhile, if by any accident you should learn of the death of one of these Bears, I hope you will make it known that I am in the market for its skull.

Before this you have doubtless heard from Dr. Nelson in regard to the possibility of giving your son a chance for field work, though I fear the inducement at the present time is mighty small.

With best wishes and thanks for the information about the Bears,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 8, 1921.

Honorable Charles H. Burke,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In July 1827 Jedediah S. Smith wrote an important letter to General William Clark, then Superintendent of Indian Affairs, telling of his expedition to California of the preceding year.

A copy of this letter is on file in the office of the Historical Society of Kansas at Topeka. It apparently contains one or two errors. I am exceedingly anxious to see the original, and am therefore writing to ask if it is on file in your office.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

June 8, 1921.

Mr. Guy R. Kennedy,
Chico, Calif.

Dear Sir:

A letter just received from Mr. William M. Alexander tells me that he has referred to you my recent request for copies of publications by Colonel Royce and Marcus Benjamin on the life of General Bidwell. Since writing this letter I have obtained a copy of Colonel Royce's book. I am now anxious to secure Mr. Benjamin's publication, and will thank you if you will put me in the way of obtaining it.

As I am going to California in a few days, I shall be obliged if you will kindly address me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Book rec'd. at Lagunitas
+ acknowledged June 25, 1921
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June 8, 1921.

Editor, The Sherman Bulletin,
Riverside, California.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly change the address of my copy of Sherman Bulletin from 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.,to Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif. beginning with the next number(which will contain the names and addresses of the recently graduated class) and continue until the November number.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

June 10, 1921.

Mr. P. L. Phillips,
Chief, Division of Maps,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your memorandum of the 4th instant in reply to my inquiry about Jedediah Smith's map of 1827.

Wilkes' map of Upper California of 1841 to which you refer shows Smith's return 'track' from California to Salt Lake in 1827, but does not show the route in which I am particularly interested, namely, that from Salt Lake southwesterly to the Bend of the Colorado.

You have cited two references which I have not seen, and I wish to thank you for them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 10, 1921.

Mr. Edward A. Preble,
Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Preble:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th instant.

You ask about my record of Porcupine gnawings: I have nothing to add to the statement taken by Taylor from my Mt. Rainier Journal of August 1897, where the following note occurs on page 57: "Erethizon -- A few Porcupine gnawings were seen." Maybe Taylor thinks that Bailey and I do not know Porcupine gnawings when we see them, as we have examined only a few thousand in different mountains of the West.

If I remember correctly, it was our field practice to enter the birds collected in the back part of the mammal catalogues.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1921.

Mr. L. E. Wyman,
Museum of History, Science, and Art,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Please pardon my long delay in replying to your last letter. At the time of its receipt I was on the dissecting table in the hospital, since which I have been making a slow recovery. To add to my troubles I have been obliged to move my office from the building in which it has been housed for the last eleven years. I am now on the point of returning to my California base for the summer -- Lagunitas, Marin County.

It has been impossible for me to make the necessary comparisons with the two skulls I have borrowed from your Museum. I hope therefore that the Museum will be willing to let me retain them until my return next fall. They are properly labeled as belonging to the Los Angeles Museum, so that there is no longer any question as to their identity and ownership.

Regretting that I have not been able to finish the study of these specimens during the past few months,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I and they are in a fireproof building — the U.S. National Museum.

June 11, 1921.

Executive Secretary,
National Parks Association,
1512 H St., Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In paying my dues in accordance with the slip received today, I find my address given as Smithsonian Institution. This is not and never has been my address, and is widely different from the address I gave you. My summer address (June to November) is always the same -- Lagunitas, Marin County, California. My winter address is always the same -- 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

If your office has been missending literature to me at the Smithsonian, it is hardly to be wondered at that I have not received it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1921.

Mr. E. Mallinckrodt, Jr.,
Mallinckrodt Chemical Works,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Mallinckrodt:

On going to the Museum today for the first time in several weeks, I was chagrined to find that the skull of your female Ursus gyas had not been returned to you, although I had left directions for its return some time ago. It will be shipped Monday.

The additional skull from Murgatroyd mentioned in your letter of May 17 has not been received.

I am leaving for California in a few days and expect to be gone until fall. My address there, as usual, is Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1921.

Captain A. B. Conover,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

My dear Sir:

We have recently received from you four skulls of Grizzly Bears -- one old male from the Stikine, one old female from Chesley River, and two young males (both marked female) from Iskoot River--for which I have credited your account $30.00, a check for which will be sent you in a few days from my fund in the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1921.

Mr. E. H. Edwards,
Bella Coola, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The two Grizzly skulls mentioned in your letter of May 12 have arrived. I am crediting your account with $4.00 for the young female, and $12.00 for the old male.

I have also received, without any letter, two additional skulls labeled as collected by R. A. Edwards, whom I assume to be your brother. For this shipment I credit $8.00 for the female, $2.00 for the cub, making $10.00 due R. A. Edwards. I am adding this amount to the $16.00 voucher for your two skulls, making $26.00 in all, a check for which will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian in a few days. I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay the $10.00 to R. A. Edwards.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1921.

Mr. George H. Peterson,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The nine Bear skulls mentioned in your letter of March 29 have arrived and I have just examined them. They are not a very satisfactory lot, but I have credited your account with $29.00 for them, a check for which will be sent you from my fund in the Smithsonian in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1921.

Mr. Joe Duset,
Gardiner, Montana.

Dear Sir:

The skulls you sent last month of a female Grizzly and two small cubs along with a Black Bear skull from Lake Abundance have arrived, for which I have credited you $10.00. A check for this amount will be sent you from my account at the Smithsonian in a few days.

I am sorry that I do not know anyone who would like to purchase your Elk head and Moose horn.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 11, 1921.

Mr. G. W. Palmer,
Snug Harbor, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Bear skulls mentioned in your letter of March 18 have finally arrived. I am crediting you $10.00 for the old male from Polly Creek, $7.00 for the damaged male from near Cottonwood Creek, and $4.00 for the young Polly Creek male, making $21.00 in all, a check for which will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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June 11, 1921.

Charles Goldstein & Co., Inc.,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago the Smithsonian Institution referred to me your letter dated March 9 last, and in course of time the shipment of Bear skulls mentioned reached the Museum.

I cannot find any authorization for this shipment, as the Smithsonian authorities report that they know nothing about it, and I surely have not ordered them. However, inasmuch as they are here, I will pay you $45. for the lot, a check for which will be sent you from my account in the Institution in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

June 11, 1921.

Mr. Thomas Murphy,
Blocksburg, Humboldt Co.,
Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 25 reached me some time ago, but I was not able to answer it at the time.

Unfortunately I do not know anyone who wants to buy Bear and Mountain Lion hides; and Black Bear skulls are worth only a dollar or two apiece, according to sex, age, and condition. If you care to sell them at this low price you might send them on. The package should be addressed, U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; and your name should be written on the outside and also on the tags attached to the skulls.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

June 12,1921

Mr W. I. Thayer
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Mr Thayer:

At last we have secured tickets for California. We start on the 15th and are due in San Francisco about 2:30 on Sunday the 19th. We expect to go direct to San Rafael and if on time should reach there between 4 and 5.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly have our car put in shape for the road, so we can get it from the man on duty in your garage. I am writing by same mail to the Willard Agent to re-install our battery.

With regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 12, 1921

Agent, Willard Battery
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I expect to reach San Rafael Sunday afternoon, June 19, And shall be obliged if you will replace the battery in my Chevrolet "Baby Grand" car in the Thayer Garage, so it may be ready for the road on my arrival. You will remember that you took the battery out of the car on January 20 last.

I will call and settle for the battery charges soon after reaching Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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June 12, 1921

Dear Mr Martinelli:

After most disappointing delays we are at last on the point of setting out for Lagunitas and expect to arrive on Sunday evening the 19th.

I have had to move my office from the upper story of a large Apartment building to our own house. We put the heavy things in the garage--half a dozen steel safes, 30 steel vertical file cases and some big map cases. The desks, tables, bookcases and all sorts of odds and ends we had to put in the parlor, dining room, and hall. It was a big job and nearly used me up. The City is so crowded we could not find an office that we could rent for less than $120 per month, which of course is more than I can pay.

Hoping to see you soon, and with regards to all your family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas, Calif.

June 14, 1921.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for June 1-14 amounting to $358.65, and vouchers enumerated below, all of which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

I expect to leave this city for California on the 15th instant, after which my address, until further notice, will be Lagunitas, Marin Co., California, as usual in summer.

I shall be obliged also if you will kindly advance $400. toward field expenses.

Until further notice, please send my pay checks and those of Miss Stella Clemence to Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

Mrs. Clark, Stenographer	$192.
Zenaida Merriam	35.
Bear Skulls	
E. H. Edwards, Bella Coola	26.
Joe Duset, Gardiner, Montana	10
A. B. Conover, Telegraph Creek	32
Chas. Goldstein & Co., Inc., Juneau	45
G. W. Palmer, Snug Harbor	21
G. H. Peterson, Sitka	29
J. W. Scollick (cleaning skulls)	8

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1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C.

1921		Sub-voucher No.	
June 9	Subscription Rod and Gun in Canada for 1921	1	$1 50
11	M. A. Leese. Photo work and films	2	1 16
14	RR fare Washington to San Francisco		114 66
	Sleeper(lower, Washington to San Francisco)		34 02
	RR Round trip ticket Washington to San Francisco for Miss Clemence		169 29
	Sleeper for Miss Clemence (Washington to San Francisco)		34 02
	Charwoman, cleaning office rooms 1st half June $2.50; oiling office furniture and file cases injured in moving $1.50	3	4 00
			$358 65

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358.65

C. Hart Merriam

June 13, 1921.

Mr. C. P. Hauke, Chief Clerk,
Office of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 11th instant in reply to my inquiry about the letter of Jedediah S. Smith written in July 1827.

I appreciate your courtesy in offering to have a copy of this letter made for me, and shall be very thankful if you will kindly send it to me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14, 1921.

Motor Vehicle Department,
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

This is to certify that my Chevrolet touring car, model FB 50, 1920, engine No. 63532, has been jacked up in the Thayer Garage at San Rafael, Calif., since January 20, and has not been used. The 1920 license No. was 450148, issued June 14, 1920.

My summer address is Lagunitas, Marin Co., California, to which address kindly send my 1921 license and the necessary license plate.

My last year's license is enclosed herewith along with my check for $6.60 in payment of license for three-quarters of the current year, in accordance with your letter dated April 13, No. 23660.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14, 1921

Dr. W. H. Osgood
Field Museum of Natural History
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Osgood:

Mrs. M., Z, and myself expect to leave Washington Thursday evening, B. & O. for California, and are due to arrive in Chicago Friday afternoon at 3:55. We leave Chicago at 8 P. M., C. & NW., & U. P.

We are most anxious to see you and your new Museum, and if you have the time to spare, shall be delighted if you can go with us and later dine with us.

If Olive and family have not left the city we should like to see them also. I suppose the Deanes have gone.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

On arrival, we will go first (by auto) to C&NW station to leave our hand baggage -
Since writing above, has he has had a phone from his brother-in-law that Olive is still there & would like us to come to her home. So, if you will kindly phone Olive, we will be agreeable to any arrangement you & she may concert. - CHM

June 14,1921

Merchants Transfer & Storage Co.
920 E Street, Washington,D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I have not yet received the Bill of Lading for the box of books you took from my house(1919 16th Street) a couple of days ago to ship by freight to Hopkins Biological Station, Pacific Grove California.

As I am leaving tomorrow for California, kindly forward the Bill of Lading to me addressed to Lagunitas, Calif.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 14,1921

Dear Walter:

After many vexatious delays I have finally started two packages in your direction: one a sack of Government pamphlets, by mail; the other a box by freight--both addressed to Hopkins Biol. Station, Pacific Grove, as requested .

In case you find a few duplicates, you may find someone who would be glad to have them.

The job was too big for so late in the season, so I'll have to finish after we return next fall or winter.

We have our tickets and start on the 16th, due to arrive at Lagunitas on the 20th.

Wishing you joy in unwrapping,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr Walter K. Fisher
Director Hopkins Biological Station
[redacted]O Pacific Grove, Calif.

June 15, 1921

Mr. N. Hollister
Editor Journal of Mammalogy

Dear Hollister:

Herewith I am handing you two brief notes for the Journal, one entitled 'Early Records of Buffalo in California'; the other, 'Former Range of Mountain Sheep in Northern California'.

Had intended to see you before leaving for California, but can't make it. So good-by to yourself and Mrs. Hollister from us all.

With best wishes

C. Hart Merriam

FORMER RANGE OF MOUNTAIN SHEEP IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Recent references to the occurrence of Mountain Sheep in northern California appear to be restricted to Mt. Shasta and the adjacent Sheep Rock, a locality only a few miles north of the great mountain. The present Sheep Rock however is very different from the Sheep Rock of the early gold-seekers. The latter, as shown by George Gibbs in his Journal and accompanying map of the McKee Expedition of 1851, was situated on the west side of Scott Mountains, a range to the west of Shasta Valley, which it separates from Scott Valley. The Sheep Rock of 1851 is a prominent land-mark as seen from Scott Valley, and is now known both locally and on the maps of the Geological Survey as Skookum Rock. It was inhabited by Sheep in Gibbs' time--how much later we do not know.

The Shaste Indians tell me that Sheep formerly occurred on Goose Nest Mountain and on Bogus Mt. north of Goose Nest Mt., and also in the Siskiyous, but just how far west they ranged in the Siskiyous I have not been able to ascertain. In 1888 I saw in a hardware store in Portland, Oregon, a mounted ram of large size killed in the Siskiyous by the proprietor of the store.

It would be interesting to know whether the Big Horn of these elevated mountains--Mt. Shasta, Scott Mountains, Goose Nest Mt., Bogus Mt., and the Siskiyous--was the same species as the one formerly inhabiting the Modok Lava Beds in the northeastern corner of California.

C. Hart Merriam

June 15, 1921

Editor Natural History
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Sir:

A short time ago you asked for articles for Natural History. I am herewith enclosing one entitled 'The Unforeseen in Indian Vocabularies.'

If not suitable for your magazine, kindly return.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

THE UNFORESEEN IN INDIAN VOCABULARY Work.

By C. Hart Merriam

The task of collecting and verifying Indian vocabularies, sentences, and texts has many attractions, many surprises, and many disappointments. Nothing would seem easier than the setting down of words and sentences obtained from an Indian in response to such simple questions as: "What do you call a Black Bear?" "How do you say, 'He killed a Bear'; 'A Bear killed him'", and so on. But when one comes to check up his results by other Indians of the same tribe he discovers undreamed of possibilities. When for instance he finds that the expression recorded for get up means "it's morning", that the name received for a particular basket means "dirty old thing", that the word recorded for black bear is blackberry, the word for hungry, "I guess I'll eat", and others equally startling, he is reluctantly forced to conclude that words and sentences obtained from Indians do not always mean what they seem.

In the case of words that are the names of definite objects -- as fire, water, sun, rain, snow, bear, coyote, eagle, and so on --

~~the work is simple and~~ errors rarely occur, but in other cases seemingly similar, one must be on his guard. Thus in many languages the word given for the particular river or mountain near which the Indian resides is not its specific name but the general term used in a specific sense — meaning tha river, or tha mountain, it being the one uppermost in the speaker's mind. The same is true of the tribal name, for in California the word given in reply to the question, "What is the name of your tribe", is in many instances the word for people — meaning tha people. Thus the commonly accepted 'tribal names' Mewuk, Midu, Nissenan, Patwin, Win, Wintoon, Yahnah, and Yokots are in each case — in the language of the tribe speaking — merely the word for people, meaning tha people = our people.

Words expressing condition — as sick, well, kind, unkind, happy, lonesome, and a multitude of others — are particularly dangerous, as the answers are likely to be sentences instead of single words.

Indians, like ourselves, often have several words for the same

object or idea. It is important therefore to ask for additional words of the same meaning; otherwise, in comparing vocabularies from two or more Indians of the same tribe, one may be misled by different words to suspect the existence of another dialect.

It appears therefore that however honest, truthful, and well-meaning an informant may be, a vocabulary — and still more emphatically a collection of sentences and texts — should be looked upon with suspicion until verified by other Indians speaking the same language. If this is impossible, as happens when the informant is the only survivor of tha tribe, it is well worth while to go over the ground with the same person a second time, after a lapse of months or years. In this way, many errors are corrected.

In the course of work of this kind one has many interesting, many curious, and some exasperating experiences. Some Indians are naturally suspicious and avoid giving direct answers. Others feel that you would not ask directly and boldly for the answer you really want, but that your question should be taken as suggestive; so after

Difficulties of Vocabulary Work

due consideration you are given an answer which the Indian's imagination pictures as comprising the desired information -- however wide it may be from the word or expression you are seeking. Hence it is not to be wondered at that the reading of a vocabulary or text to another person of the same tribe nearly always results in startling discoveries.

June
~~July~~ 15, 1921

Editor Scientific Monthly
Garrison, New York

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing an article entitled 'The California Elk Drive of 1904' with 5 photographs for illustration.

If suitable, you are welcome to it. If not, kindly return to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California (postage enclosed).

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

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June 15, 1921

Major E. A. Goldman
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Goldman:

Thanks for your memorandum of the 11th inst. enclosing copy of a letter from R. E. Bateman, Predatory Animal Inspector, concerning the present location of Grizzlies in Montana.

I am glad to have this information and shall await with interest the additional information of a similar nature that you will obtain during the season.

Very truly yours,

Chas. Sheldon

June 15, 1921

THE 14TH STREET CROSSING ON THE U STREET CAR LINE

Editor Washington Star
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Have you ever witnessed the famous guessing game on the U Street car line at the 14th Street crossing? If not, a surprise is awaiting you.

All west-bound U Street cars stop <u>once</u> in the neighborhood of 14th Street, but on WHICH SIDE of 14th an oncoming car will stop no man can foretell. People used to say that if the motorman saw a good-sized crowd waiting on one side he would fool them by stopping on the other. But this does injustice to the driver, for I have recently learned that it is <u>not the driver but the car sign</u> that makes the difference. After having guessed wrong more than half the time for months I have found out that cars labeled 'Chevy Chase' stop on the WEST side of 14th Street, others stop on the EAST side. This is interesting but hardly of service to the expectant and weary waiter, for not one person in a thousand has eyes far-sighted enuf to read the sign of an oncoming car far enuf off to enable him -- unless a trained sprinter -- to make the run from one stop to the other across the traffic of 14th Street before it is too late.

I wonder if you know that these particular stop-posts are not only not near the corners but are 270 feet apart! In the course of an ordinary day hundreds of patient and law-abiding citizens guess wrong and are obliged to wait another five minutes or so -- and then likely to have the same experience over again.

In rainy weather and when in a great hurry some of these unfortunates have been heard to remark that of all the car stops in the known world the one under consideration is the most unreasonable, unnecessary, and exasperating. Whether or not this is true is not for me to say. The experience may be good for children -- to acquaint them with the uncertainties and disappointments of life, but is it not a little severe on the aged and infirm, and on the dozens of weary women who, loaded with baskets and bundles, are daily fooled at these crossings?

A patient sufferer ventures to ask: Is it not practicable <u>for all west bound cars to stop on the same side of 14th Street</u>? If not, would it not be possible for the proper authorities <u>to mount a telescope</u> at the crossing so that waiting passengers might be enabled to read the signs of oncoming cars when still far enuf off to give them a running chance of getting aboard?

C. Matt American

June 16, 1921.

Chief of Police,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today, June 16, I am closing my house 1919 Sixteenth Street for the summer, and do not expect to return before the end of October. I shall be obliged if your patrolman in passing from time to time will kindly keep an eye on the premises.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 16, 1921.

Water Department,
Municipal Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today, June 16, I have closed my house and am leaving for California to be gone until the end of October. I have turned the water off where it comes into the house in the basement.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 16, 1921.

Potomac Electric Power Company,
231 Fourteenth St., Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Today, June 16, I have closed my house and am leaving for California to be gone until the end of October. I have turned the electric current off where it comes into the house in the basement.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 16, 1921

Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Today, June 16, I have closed my house 1919 Sixteenth Street for the summer and am leaving for California. I shall be obliged therefore if until further notice you will kindly forward to Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif. all letter mail addressed to Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Mrs. Merriam, and Miss Zenaida Merriam at 1919 Sixteenth Street.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 27, 1921

Mr R. A. Whall, Mgr.
Metropolitan Air Goods CO.
Athol, Mass.

Dear Sir:

On arriving at Lagunitas I found the goods shipped by you on the 13th inst., for which I am obliged. Enclosed herewith is my check for $17.65 in payt.

But I did not find any air pump or any attachment for tire pump valve. Instead I found about 10 inches of rubber tubing and a brass nipple which fits the air valve on the bed but not the auto tire-pump valve. Can you supply the missing connection?

Glad to know that you have in San Francisco such reliable firms as Ellery's, The Emporium, and Charles Brown. But I have not so good an opinion of Spiro.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 27,1921

Wakefield Wrench Co.,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

This spring I purchased from you (ordered from Washington, D.C.) a couple of your Wakefield Wizard wrenches, and have just bro't one of them to California to use on my car. This morning I tried it and found that it will not hald, slipping open on the nut.

I am returning it to you by mail herewith and shall be obliged if you will send me a good one, addressed to me here at Lagunitas, Calif.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

June 27, 1921

Hon. John I. Nolan
Chairman, Committee
on Labor, House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 18th instant, forwarded from Washington, would state that the Bill referred to (H.R. 2429) does not affect the U.S. Geographic Board, for the reason that the Board consists wholly of representatives of the several Departments of the Government, who serve on the Board without compensation.

The Board has no appropriation for the employment of clerks or any assistants of any kind, its only appropriation being for printing its reports.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

June 28, 1921

Dear Miss Clemence:

Your letter from Washington (dated June 22) just recd. Glad to know you were about ready to start but sorry we cannot see you for a couple of weeks, as we are packing today and expect to start in the morning for Trinity River.

When you get settled and ready for work I wish you would clean up the northwest California early material. Please take out everything on NW California Indians that you can find, not already done by us. We have Drake and Peter Corney. I have references to the following--and there doubtless are others:

Bodega--1775 or 1792. Nine days in Trinidad Bay.

Vancouver--1793. Anchored in Trinidad Bay May 2, 1793.

Winship--1806. Humboldt Bay.

Gregg party--1849. Humboldt Bay region, including Eeel River (Not very important, and we may have taken it already).

1850. Two outfits--Capt. Ottinger and Brannan. Trinidad, Humboldt Bay, Eel River.

Please write me here in about 10 days so I may know where you are as soon as we return.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Stella Clemence
Somewhere in Berkeley.

re

June 30, 1921

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the last half of June, amounting to $76.97 and also Scollick's bill of $10 for cleaning Bear skulls, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from theHarriman Trust.

I am setting out today on a trip to Trinity River mountains and the northwest coast.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense Account June 15 to June 30, 1921

June 16	Washington, D.C. Baggage out		60
16-21	Meals en route, Washington to California		14 00
21	Baggage tr, San Francisco .25: Baggage in, Lagunitas.25		1 25
21	Fare, San Francisco to San Rafael		42
22	Expressage on MSS and Vocabularies to Lagunitas	1	11 91
22	Sparrow Bros. Storage and repair car battery	2	8 50
25	Sparrow Bros. Repairs to Starter	3	7 05
28	Fare, Lagunitas-San Francisco & return		1 67
28	Meals $1.75; Street car fares.30		2 05
28	Marah & Co. Photo films and work	4	13 92
30	Thayer Garage, Storage of car 5 months Repairs and labor, &c.	5	

Expenses of Asst., Miss Stella Clemence:

June 23	Baggage out, Washington,	60
23-27	Meals en route, Washington to California	14 00
28	Baggage in S.F. & tr Berkeley	1 00

76.97

C. Hart Merriam

July 12,1921

Mr F.A.Graham
Willow Creek, Calif.

Dear Mr Graham:

I am back in California and am hoping to visit your region again. But I have been on the dissecting table and am not allowed to ride horseback.

I want to see Chesebro. Is he still at Burnt Ranch? Do you happen to know if his job gives him any days off, and if so, what days? Could I hire him to come to Willow Creek for a day or two if I go in by stage?

And can you tell me what days stages leave Arcata for Willow Creek?

An early reply will greatly oblige.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Does Sally Noble still live at her ranch on New River?

July 14, 1921

Dr. W. B. Bell
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Bell:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of a letter from J. Stokley Ligon relating to the present location of Grizzly Bears in New Mexico, with map. This is the most detailed and consequently the most important information we have received concerning Grizzlies in any State.

With renewed thanks and best wishes

Very truly yours

July 14, 1921

Mr. J. Stokley Ligon
Predatory Animal Inspector
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Ligon:

A copy of your letter to the Biological Survey about Grizzly Bears has been sent me by Dr. Bell, together with the map you were kind enough to prepare showing the present distribution of Grizzlies in the mountains of New Mexico.

I m exceedingly glad to have this information and want to thank you personally for your kindness in doing the job up in such thorough shape.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

July 14, 1921

Postmaster
St. George
Utah

Dear Sir:

Can you give me the location of a salt cave on the Lower Muddy or on the Virgin a little below the junction of the Muddy?

Such a cave is mentioned by one of the early explorers and I am interested to know just where it is.

Very truly yours,

July 14, 1921

My dear Miss Gordon Cumming:

Very many thanks for your courteous letter of May 24, which has just reached me here in California on my return from a field trip in the North.

I thank you most heartily for your kind permission to reproduce your remarkably accurate and beautiful picture of the Yosemite Indian village mentioned in my letter to your publishers.

I wish I might have the pleasure of seeing your portfolio of original water color paintings, but fear this will be impossible; and I do not suppose that you would be willing to sell the Indian village picture at a price I could afford to pay.

I am glad to know of your book entitled 'Memories', and shall hunt it up in some of our libraries at the earliest opportunity.

For many years I knew a Mr. Gordon Cumming who lived in Virginia. He and I were both members of the Boone and Crockett Club, so that I usually met him about once a year. I was sorry to learn of his death a couple of years ago. I have often wondered if he was your brother.

Hoping that you will continue in fair health for many years to come,

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Miss Constance Frederica Gordon Cumming
Crieff, Perthshire

July 14, 1921

Mr. Homer E. Sargent
222 Arroyo Terrace
Pasadena, Calif.

My dear Mr. Sargent:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. which I found on my return from a field trip to the northern part of the State.

I appreciate your brother's feeling in regard to the Grizzly head, and share the belief that the hair might slip as a result of soaking for remounting on the dummy skull. The specimen is certainly one of unusual value, for the reason that Grizzlies are now extinct in the region from which it came. It might be either the big Plains Grizzly, Ursus horribilis, or the species of the Black Hills and Wind River Mountains, Ursus absarokus. The latter ranged out into the Bad Lands, where the two doubtless came together.

I am greatly interested in what you tell me about your baskets, and shall be most happy to accept your kind invitation to visit you at your home in Pasadena, if I go there this fall, which I now plan to do.

In the meantime you will have heard from Dr. Walter Fewkes in reply to your letter, and I shall be glad to talk the matter over with him on my return to Washington.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Sargent,

Very truly yours,

July 14, 1921

Mr. George W. Stewart
Visalia, Calif.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

On returning from a field trip in the Trinity and Eel River regions, I find your letter of the 6th inst. awaiting attention. Incidentally I would remark that I am mighty glad to hear from you again and hope to see you before the season is over.

As to the northern and southern limits of the redwood, Sequoia sempervirens: Your friend was entirely correct in telling you of the existence of redwoods in canyons of the Santa Lucia Mountains south of Monterey, where they occur at intervals as far south as Salmon Creek Canyon about 12 miles south of Punta Gorda. I worked in the Santa Lucias with a pack outfit some years ago but my notes on that trip are in Washington.

On the north, redwoods extend to the Oregon line, or overlap the boundary just a little.

As to the Beaver: During the past few years, Beaver have been transplanted into a number of areas in the Eastern United States, where they have established themselves with rather remarkable vigor and have done hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage. In the Adirondacks for instance, my brother writes me that there is not a single lake or pond or stream that they have not dammed, flooding the adjoining lowlands and killing

the pines and other valuable timber. Before roads can be built to admit of hauling the timber, the trees have rotted and are worthless. The money loss is something fearful.

Similar cases have been reported from Maine to Michigan and Wisconsin, and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec in Canada.

If the loss were confined to the trees actually cut down by the Beaver the matter would not be so serious, but it is the losses due to flooding that have to be feared. In New York and some other states, the land-owners have been advised to cut the beaver dams to allow the water to escape. This has been done both by chopping through the dams and by dynamiting them. But the Beavers are so industrious and persistent that they close the gaps in a night or two, so that in order to prevent the flooding, it is necessary to keep men at work throughout the season.

Personally, I do not believe that the San Joaquin Valley Beaver would thrive at so high an altitude as the Giant Forest. At the same time I would not like to try the experiment.

In many regions both East and West certain Beaver colonies do not build houses, but live in burrows in the river banks.

I am interested in what Mr. Shafer told you about cream-colored Beaver in Cache Slough, Yolo County. There is some seasonal variation in the color of Beaver, but hardly enough to describe the summer and winter pelages as cream-colored and red respectively. Hence if all the Beaver of Cache Slough were cream-colored they might prove to be a distinct sub-species.

Mrs. M., Z, and myself have just made a most interesting auto trip , driving from here to Red Bluff and thence westerly

to Hay Fork and down the new Trinity River Road to its end just below Big Bar; thence returning, going south to Forest Glen (otherwise known as Auto Rest) on South Fork Trinity, then up over South Fork Mountain and down into Mad River Valley; then over the ridge to Van Dusen and down the Van Dusen to its junction with the main Eel River near Fortuna; returning through the splendid Redwood forests along Eel River and South Fork Eel, and home by way of Russian River. This is a wonderful trip, well worth taking by anyone who enjoys glorious forests and fine mountain scenery, as you and I do.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Stewart and yourself,

As ever yours,

July 18, 1921

Dear Mr. Harrington:

On returning from a most interesting trip in the Upper Trinity and adjacent region, I find your letter of July 1 and telegram of June 30. I was on the point of writing you at Pleasanton yesterday, when your telegram of the 16th arrived, stating that you might not reach Pleasanton until the first of August; also that you expect to be there for four or five weeks. This relieves the situation, and I am obliged to you for letting me know your plans in advance so that I may plan my work accordingly.

As to the New River trip: I have written to the Forest Ranger up there to find out whether or not the Chemariko woman is still alive and at her ranch on New River. His reply has not been received, but will doubtless come before the end of the month.

I am prohibited from riding horseback, but hope to take you as far as Humboldt Bay in my car, if all goes well. Anyhow, will plan to see you soon after your arrival at Pleasanton. I have worked with the Indians at Pleasanton several different years, but in the case of some of them, suffered a severe handicap by my inability to speak Spanish.

With best wishes and regrets that you are so long detained in Washington,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 18, 1921

Dear Nelson:

Many thanks for yours of the 12th inst. transmitting a copy of your work on Lower California. It goes without saying that I am mighty glad to have it. And furthermore I am delighted to see it published in such admirable form. It is a splendid contribution and well illustrates both the value and the diversity of your contributions to knowledge. Few men have had so broad an experience in field work and still fewer have covered so large a part of a great continent. Your works on the Natural History of Alaska, the Alaska Eskimo, the large and small mammals of North America, and your monographic revisions of squirrels and rabbits, followed by this important work on Lower California, constitute a series of volumes that must necessarily be consulted by divers specialists for generations to come. All we now need to complete the series is your ornithology of Mexico. When this is finished you may lie down in your orange orchard, fold your arms, and expire with a satisfied expression on your distinguished countenance. I suppose you will retort with the remark that the Ornithology of Mexico and the Bears of North America might be companion volumes.

With best wishes and kindest regards from us all to you and your mother and Miss Warren,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 18, 1921

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. transmitting copy of a letter from the District Forester at Albuquerque. The information he contributes concerning the presence of grizzlies in Southern Colorado, Arizona, and parts of New Mexico, is just what I wanted and I am exceedingly obliged for it. Excepting the Yellowstone National Park region, there appear to be more grizzlies in Arizona and New Mexico at the present time than elsewhere in the United States.

We have recently returned from a most interesting and profitable trip in the Middle Trinity region, and had the satisfaction of driving over the new road to a little below Big Bar. When completed it will be a great thoroughfare.

With renewed thanks for your kindness in obtaining the information about grizzlies, and with best wishes from us all to you and Mrs. Barnes,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

Mr. Will C. Barnes
Forest Service
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

July 18, 1921

Dear Colonel McGuire:

On returning from a field trip in the Trinity Mountain region of northern California, I found your letter of June 29, forwarded from Washington.

Many thanks for telling me about the recent bear hunt of C. E. Sykes, now at Dawson. I will write him at once. Should he send me the skull of this big bear, I shall be glad to send you its measurements on my return to Washington in the fall. Skin measurements, while impressive, are of very little value, as of course you know.

I did not have time to answer your former letter as I was leaving Washington at the time of its receipt. Will say now, however, that I am getting in a lot of additional information concerning the present range of grizzlies in western United States, mainly from field men of the Biological Survey and the Forest Service. I think I can summarize the article in the space you mention.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Col. J. A. McGuire
Outdoor Life
Denver, Colorado

July 18, 1921

Mr. C. E. Sykes
Dawson
Yukon, Canada

My dear Sir:

A letter from Colonel McGuire, editor of "Outdoor Life", tells me that you have killed a monstrous brown bear on Alaska Peninsula. I should like very much to see its skull, if you are willing to send it to me in the fall, after my return from field work in California.

If you are willing to do this, kindly address the box: U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. And please do not fail to put your name on the outside of the box and also on a tag attached to the skull.

I have recently sent Colonel McGuire the measurements and photographs of the largest skulls of grizzlies and big brown bears known to me. From his account, your bear may be larger than any of these. At all events, I should be glad to have the skull measurements.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 18, 1921

Mr. Fenley Hunter
Hunter Illuminated Car Sign Co.
Flushing, New York

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your interesting letter of July 5, which I found in my mail on my return from a field trip.

I am glad to know that you have done so much hunting in Alaska, and particularly that you have killed so many bears. I am glad also to know that you contemplate another hunting trip to the coast islands and thank you for your offer to try to obtain specimens. Skulls of adult male big bears (grizzlies or big brown bears) are always helpful to me in my work and I am glad to borrow all I can of them in order to compare them with specimens already in our National collection. Skulls of females and immature males are of comparatively little consequence as in most cases they fail to show the distinctive characters of the species. But every adult male skull helps in defining more accurately the characters of the species and also usually in adding something to its known range. You will understand from this why I am anxious to see as many skulls as possible of fully adult males.

It is my practice to spend the summer in field work in California, but I am always in Washington winters and shall

be delighted to show you our collection of bear skulls which is comparably larger and more complete than all the other collections in the world put together.

Your remarks about Hasselborg agree with what I have heard from several others. He must be a queer genius.

With best wishes, and many thanks for your courtesy in writing me,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

I take pleasure in mailing you herewith a copy of my "Review of the Big Bears" to which you refer.

Since writing above, find I am out of reprints in reference to the Alleghanies and so one. If they arrive I will send you one when I return to Washington.

July 18, 1921

Mr. Mosely E. Hall
801 Vine Street
Jefferson, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 29 was forwarded from Washington and reached me on my return from a recent field trip.

What you tell me about the white-tail fox quirrels of your region is new to me. I never heard of such a case before and assume that it is a local freak. It would be interesting to know whether or not all of the fox squirrels of your region have these white tails or only a small proportion of them.

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Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

Retake of Preceding Frame

July 23, 1921

Anderson-Smith Motor Co.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to my request for an itemized receipted bill covering the work done on my Chevrolet Baby Grand car, which I drove home from your Service Station late Saturday afternoon (a week ago today) -- I have received an itemized bill NOT receipted and therefore of no use except as a memorandum. I am obliged therefore to repeat my request for a receipted bill for the $80.61 for which I gave you my check on Crocker Bank on July 16.

There are several items on the bill sent me which it might be of interest to your Company to take under consideration. For instance, under the item 'Labor' you have included "installing Gabriel snubbers." These were installed by the Gabriel people at the Pacific Automotive Service, 1035 Post Street, before the car was returned to you. There is also a charge for resetting springs which was done by the Hoover Company. Also a charge for installing new muffler. The new muffler was not put in, for the reason that you were out of mufflers at the time. There was also a charge for repairing right rear wheel. This was done by the wheelwright to whom you took the wheel, for which you have charged $5.25. There was also a charge for repairing lock, but this was not done, as your men thought it better to leave

it as it is with the wires unattached. There was also a charge for repairing hub extension, which "repairing" consisted in giving a turn of the hub wrench to tighten a loose hub extension.

Your bill for Gabriel snubbers installed was $22. You charged me $30.

There are other matters deserving of note, but I thought your firm might be interested in the above-mentioned facts. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me by return mail a receipted bill, as the one received is not of use to me.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

July 23, 1921

Mr. Ernest Harold Baynes
Meriden, New Hampshire

My dear Mr. Baynes:

On returning from a recent field trip, I find a copy of the Woman's Home Companion containing your splendid article on Vivisection.

It is a great pleasure to read your excellent and altogether fair statement of the case. I have just written the Editor of the Woman's Home Companion expressing my satisfaction that this Journal has published such an admirable statement of the case.

Very truly yours

C. [illegible]

July 23, 1921

Editor 'Women's Home Companion'
381 Fourth Avenue, New York City

Dear Sir:

On returning to my summer home from a field trip, I find a copy of the Woman's Home Companion containing an article by Ernest Harold Baynes on Vivisection.

It is by far the clearest and in every way the best article I have ever seen on the subject. I want to congratulate you on its publication in your Journal. It is such a straightforward, honest, and in every way fair presentation of the subject that it cannot fail to do much good among well-meaning but misinformed people.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

July 23, 1921

Colonel H. C. Rizer
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Rizer:

Can you send me at Lagunitas copies of Water Supply paper 490 A & B, treating of Routes to Desert Watering places? If so, I shall be greatly obliged as they will be of value to me in my field work.

We have recently returned from a most interesting and profitable field trip in the mountains of the Trinity River region and northern California. Expect to start out on another trip in a few days.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

July 23, 1921

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief of Biological Survey

Dear Nelson:

On returning from a recent field trip, I found your letter dated June 15, enclosing copies of letters from several Predatory Animal Inspectors concerning the status of Grizzly Bears in Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona. For all of which I am very much obliged.

As you say, the outlook for the Grizzly Bear in most parts of the United States seems cheerless.

Thanking you for this information.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam -

July 24, 1921

Mr J. C. Sperry
2425 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Mr Sperry:

Last fall when you were kind enough to come here to talk over the Redwoods matter you told me you expected to have a map made showing the locations and names of the various groves along the highway. Is this map now available? If so I should be thankful if you will have a copy sent me, at my expense of course.

I have recently returned from the Humboldt Bay region camping at Phillipsville on the way down.

Mrs Merriam and my daughter join in kind regards, and in the hope that we may see you and Mrs Sperry here during the season.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

July 24,1921

Dear Mrs Luckie:

The photographs I promised you are enclosed herewith. Some of them are good, others poor. One trouble was that my finder on the camera got bent up a little, so that the bottom part was cut off.

I am enclosing also the Law I told you about relating to the rights of Indians to their lands.

The English name of the beautiful bush by your house is TWIN-BERRYBUSH.

We have had company since our return and have been very busy.

We all enjoyed our visit at your place and hope to go again sometime.

Mrs Merriam and my daughter join in kind regards to you and all your family.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Mrs Kate Luckie
Hay Fork, Calif.

July 24, 1921

Dear Osgood:

On arriving here we at once set out on an auto camping field trip in the Trinity River mountains. We ran up the Sacramento Valley to Red Bluff and thence westerly along South Fork Cottonwood and on past Beegum, Peanut, and Forest Glen to upper Mad River and the Van Duzen and lower Eel River, returning thro' the redwood forests of South Fork Eel and thence down Russian River. We made several detours, one being to Hay Fork, Weaverville and the new road down Trinity River to Big Bar.

From Red Bluff westerly for 30 or 40 miles was surprised and delighted to see a number of Phainopeplas. I have never before seen them so far north.

Our afternoon in Chicago, thanks to you and Olive, was a joy to all of us. And it was a pleasure and satisfaction to me to get a glympse into the new Museum and particularly to see how nicely you are situated there.

We have just installed a Delco lighting plant at our house and now have the finest kind of electric light and power.

Wish you were coming out here this year. Shall hope to see you next season, sure.

Have not yet been to Eureka, but expect to go there in August and will call on the taxidermist.

With best wishes from us all,

As ever yours,

Mr W..H. Osgood
Field Museum, Chicago

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July 28, 1921

Mr W. I. Adams
Accountant, Smithsonian Inst.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for July, amounting to $311.76, and also voucher of $45.50 for Zenaida Merriam (services) and University of California for $5.00(Zoology vol.), which I shall be obliged if you will pay from the Harriman fund, as usual.

The car bills are unusually severe, partly because the June bill from the Thayer Garage was not ready the end of June and had to be carried over to this month. The other bill(Anderson-Smith Motor Co) is in the main for important improvements that will add to the life of the car and save expense in the long run.

My last trip of over 800 miles among the mountains of Trinity and Humboldt Counties was very hard on the car, climbing at least three mountain ranges of between 5 and 6 thousand feet over narrow and exceedingly steep and pitchy rough country roads. But it was most profitable as I got what I went for--clearing up an ethnological mystery that has worried many of us for years. For several years I have been closing in steadily on the unknown territory, driving in toward it from the east, the north, and the west and south, till this trip I found it and discovered a new tribe--though not at all what had been expected. I will tell Harrington about it when he comes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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CC. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense Account for July, 1921

1921				
July 1-11	Auto Field trip of over 800 miles into Trinity River mts. Repairs to car & tires: Fairfield 1; Corning 2.50 Red Bluff 3.85; Willits (incl. oil) 5.75			13 10
	Gasoline: Woodland 7 gals @ 26, 1.82; Red Bluff 10 @ 27, 2.70; Wildwood 3 @ 50, 1.50; Weaverville 11 @ 40, 4.40; Hydesville 9 @ 29, 2.61; Willets 10 @ 30, 3.00			16 03
	Subsistence, self and asst. 11days @ 1.25 each			27 50
	Cash & presents to Indians for Vocab. work: Kate Luckie family & Billy George Norrelmok at Hay Fork, July 3-6, $13.00; Old Nekkanni woman & others near Rhonerville July8 & 9, $8.00			21 00
July 13,	Trip to San Francisco: Ferry, car & self, 1.40; 10 gals gas @ 25, 2.50; meals, 1.75; street cars 35; return by train to Lagunitas 1.04			6 94
14	Thayer Garage, San Rafael: storage of car winter (5 months), $25; grinding valves & relining brakes $25.25; materials and other work $33.11	1		83 36
	Fare asst. Miss Clemence, Berkeley-Lagunitas & ret.			2 03
	Stamps & stamped envelopes			1 30
July 16	RR fare, Lagunitas to San Francisco 1.04; street cars 35; meals 3.00 ; return with car Sausalito Ferry 1.40			5 79
				75
20	Chevrolet Garage, San Rafael, adjusting timer 10 gals gas @ 25			2 60
21	McKean Bros, S.F.: New tire & tube & vulcanizing	2		40 10
25	Anderson-Smith Motor Co.: Rebuilding springs; Gabriel snubbers; Petry cutout; materials and labor as per accompanying voucher	3		80 61
26	RR fare San Anselmo-San Francisco & return .65; manila envelopes .60; meals 1.50; garage 25			3 00
	Calif Motor Vehicle Dept: Car license for 1921			6 60
	Northumberland office Phone May 25-31			1 05
				311.76

July 27, 1921

Dr Robert B. Sosman
Corresponding Secretary
Washington Academy of Sciences

Dear Doctor Sosman:

Your communication transmitting a report on Popular Books in Science has just reached me here at my California home.

Not having access just now to either a library or a list of books along the lines of my personal work it is difficult to help you out; at the same time I am adding a few titles, and would suggest that you write Dr Frank Chapman, American Museum of Natural History, N.Y. for a few titles of the best popular books on American Birds.

In glancing over the list received it strikes me that a number of titles have been included that fail to live up to the specifications recited in the introductory remarks.

Regretting that the pressure of field work prevents me from visiting libraries to refresh my rather antiquated memory along the desired lines,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Anthropology and American Mythology:

George Bird GRINNELL. The Story of the Indian (F.A.Stokes Co.,N.Y.) A delightful popular and truthful account of the life of the Plains Indians. Suitable for both old and young readers.

George Bird GRINNELL. Pawnee Hero Stories. An interesting collection of Plains Indian tales.

C. Hart Merriam. The Dawn of the World; Wierd tales of the Mewan Indians of California. (A.H.Clark Co.,Cleveland) A collection of stories illustrating phases of the mythology of California Indians

General Natural History:

The Nature Library Several volumes.

The Standard Library of Natural History. Several volumes.

E. W. Nelson. Wild Animals of North America. (Nat. Geographic Soc.)

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Willow Creek, Calif.

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Retake of Preceding Frame

August 1, 1921

Mr J. D. Grant, Vice President
Save the Redwoods League, Berkeley

My dear Mr Grant:

It is with great regret that I am obliged to decline your most tempting invitation to be present at the dedication exercises of the Bolling Memorial Grove on August 6th.

A previous engagement for a trip with a man from the east makes it impracticable at this time, much to my sorrow.

With best wishes for the success of the League,

Very truly yours,

August 1, 1921

Mr Jas. C. Sperry
2425 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Mr Sperry:

Thanks for your letter of July 29. Unhappily the Redwood dedication affair conflicts with an engagement to make a field trip with a man just arriving from the east. I have delayed replying a couple of days in the hope that some way out might occur to me, but without success. Had I known about the Bolling dedication a few days earlier I might have arranged to go.

With deep and genuine regrets,

Very truly yours,

August 1, 1921

Dr W. J. Holland, Director
Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of July 23, forwarded from Washington, would say that I have this moment written to Dr E. W. Nelson Chief of the U.S. Biological Survey, asking him to have your Grizzly skull no. 893 hunted up and returned at once.

I have by no means completed my work on the Bears but have continued collecting specimens in the hope of securing enough material to admit of working out the characters and ranges of the various species more satisfactorily. Up to the present time I have brought together in the National Museum about three thousand skulls of American Bears.

Thanking you for the loan of the skull in question,

Very truly yours,

August 1, 1921

Dr Wm Alanson Bryan
Director Museum of History,
Science and Art, Los Angeles

My dear Dr Bryan:

Thanks for your letter of July 28 about the measurements of your Hinchinbrook Island bear skull, which I borrowed from your Museum last year. I have no skull measurements with me here in California but may be able to get them from an assistant in Washington. I will write Mr Rockwell at once.

Thanks for your invitation to visit your Museum. If all goes well I shall give myself this pleasure in the fall--probably in November.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

August 1, 1921

Mr Robert H. Rockwell
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 5, addressed to the Los Angeles Museum, has been forwarded to me for reply, as I borrowed the Bear skull in question last year and still have it in the National Museum at Washington.

I have no bear skull measurements with me here in California, but will be glad to send you those of this skull on my return in the fall. Or, if you are in a hurry, you might get them more promptly by writing Dr E. W. Nelson, Chief U.S. Biological Survy

The Hinchinbrook Island Bear is a big one, but its skull is no where near so large as skulls from Kadiak Island and Alaska Peninsula.

Very truly yours,

Next winter I should be very glad to see the skulls of your Alaska Bears. Where were they killed?

August 1, 1921

Dr E. W. Nelson, Chief
U. S. Biological Survey

Dear Nelson:

Dr W. J. Holland, Director Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh, asks for the return of a Grizzly skull borrowed by me in December 1916. Its catalogue number is 893, Pittsburgh Museum.

Will you kindly have it looked up and returned.

When are you to head this way?

Very truly yours,

Mr J. P. Harrington
Pleasanton, Calif.

Aug. 25, 1921

Dear Mr Harrington:

We returned late last evening from our last trip to Humboldt and Trinity Counties, and in the batch of accumulated mail find your letters of the 8th and 16th instants. But you make no mention of the letter I addressed to you at Simi in accordance with a telegram from Dr Fewkes (in answer to my wire inquiring as to where you were). Hope you have received it ere this so that you will understand the situation.

Am too overwhelmed with work today to write of many details of interest to you in connection with your contemplated trip to the Trinity, but will talk the whole matter over with you when you come. Would set a date now but am waiting to hear from Dr Mann and wife. They missed us during our absence and went to Yosemite. They may come Saturday but we do'nt know today. Will drop you another line as soon as we hear from them.

If Mrs Harrington is with you, you will bring her of course as we shall have plenty of room when the Manns go, and Mrs M and my daughter will enjoy having you both here.

Cannot stop to tell you about the last trip now, but will say thi s much in advance: I have talked with two other Indians who speak more or less Chemareko! And have much more Nekanni, an the Bull Creek Kenests(for whom I searched in vain last year), and more!

As ever yours,

C. [illegible]

August 27, 1921

Mr. Newton B. Drury
Secretary 'Save the Redwoods League'
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Sir:

On returning from a trip through the Redwood Forests, I find your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing a map showing the location of the redwood holdings along South Fork Trinity from its mouth up to Miranda. This is of much interest to me,and I wish to thank you for the trouble you have taken in preparing it; also for the confidential detailed memorandum concerning the forests tracts.

Has any map been published showing the redwood groves from Phillipsville south?

What is the outlook as to the redwoods of the south side of main Eel River between Scotia Bridge and the mouth of South Fork? There are three tracts along the highway here which in my judgment it is of the utmost importance to preserve, namely: (1) the grove immediately east of Scotia Bridge; (2) the grove next west of Pepperwood; and (3) the grove next west of Dyerville. The destruction of these would be an unspeakable calamity.

I assume that the grove at the south end of the Dyerville Bridge is secure, although I really know nothing about it.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours

August 27, 1921

Dr. Herbert I. Priestley
Bancroft Library
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Priestley:

Miss Clemence has just given me the photograph sheets of the Lafora map which you were kind enough to have made for me during your recent trip to Mexico. It is a wonderful map and I am greatly indebted for your kindness and for the trouble you were put to in securing it.

My check for $10 in repayment is enclosed herewith.

With kindest regards,

Very truly yours

August 27, 1921

Colonel H. C. Rizer
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 4th inst. and for the Water Supply Papers treating of the Routes of Desert Watering Places in the Salton Sea Region and on the Mohave Desert -- both of which were in my mail on returning from a field trip night before last.

I shall be still further obliged if you will send me for official use the recently issued map sheets of Gilroy Hot Springs and Daulton, Calif., and also Bulletin 721 on Geology of Northwestern Kern County by W. A. English.

I have just scanned with deep interest David Thompson's 'Routes of Desert Watering Places in the Mohave Desert Region', and in spite of the fact that he transfers woodchucks from the crest of the high Sierra to the hot deserts, regard it as a fine piece of work.

Just now I am rather acutely interested in one or two routes along the southern border of the region, particularly the route from Banning to Twenty-nine Palms. This part I noticed was traversed and described by J. S. Brown. Is he still in the Service? If so, would you be good enough to ask him if Indians were still living at Twenty-nine Palms at the time of his visit? Also, whether or not it is practicable to

go from Banning to Twenty-nine Palms by automobile? And were there Indians at Old Woman Spring? And does either Thompson or Brown know of a good camp man for the trip from Banning to Twenty-nine Palms -- someone more or less familiar with the region?

I should be thankful for information as to the location of any Indians anywhere on the Mohave Desert.

We have just returned from a most profitable auto camping trip along the coast through the Redwood forests to Humboldt Bay, Trinidad, the Lagoons, and also across the mountains to Trinity River.

With best wishes from us all,

Very truly yours

A. Hart Merriam

August 27, 1921

Dear J. C.

Your letter of July 29 reached us just as we were pulling out for a trip up the coast. Oddly enough we camped on Redwood Flat on Saturday night -- the evening of the same day on which your Bolling Grove dedication exercises were held at noon. Sorry we could not have made it a day earlier.

We are glad to know that you are likely to pay us a visit late in August. That means about now. We shall be mighty glad to see as many of you as possible as soon as you can come.

I hope you have been able to get away from official work and meetings long enough to have gained the benefit you were in need of.

With love from us all to all of you.

As ever yours,

Dr. John C. Merriam
Dunsmuir, Calif
or
Berkeley, Calif.

August 27, 1921

Dear Dr. Stephens:

On returning night before last from our extended trip along the northwestern coast, I found your letter of the 19th inst., from which it appears that you and your family are once more back in Alameda.

We left Lagunitas early on the 6th and drove 200 miles the first day , camping at Redwood Flat. The following day we camped at Eureka where I left Elizabeth and Zenaida for eight or nine days while working on Trinity River. Returning from the Trinity we drove north to Trinidad and beyond to the Lagoons, camping mostly in a wonderful redwood forest on Big Lagoon.

I visited half a dozen or more tribes, and do not remember to have ever collected so much material before in so short a time.

For the near future I shall be occupied in writing up the results of this trip while still fresh in mind. We are expecting some people from Washington, but do not know what day they are coming. Will try to connect with you later.

Was sorry not to see your sister and her husband when they were here but am glad that you gave them the pleasure of the trip to Santa Cruz and Pebble Beach.

With love to you all from all of us

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

August 27, 1921

Mr. Fenley Hunter
Hunter Illuminated Carsign Company
Flushing, New York

My dear Sir:

On returning from a recent field trip along the northern coast, I find your letter of August 4 awaiting attention.

It is a pity that the copy sent you of my 'Review of the Big Bears' did not contain the skull plates. On my return to Washington in the late fall, I shall be glad to send you a perfect copy.

When you come to Washington I shall be mighty glad to see you and your Indian relics, and shall of course be very glad to see your bear skull. It is still too early to set a date for my return, but I expect to reach Washington some time in December.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

August 27, 1921

Professor Erwin H. Barbour
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Professor Barbour:

On returning from a field trip to my summer home here at Lagunitas, I find your letter of August 4 forwarded from Washington.

As you will see from the above, I am away from Washington and therefore cannot at present send you any of my publications. However I have not yet published on the Black Bear group, but only on the Big Bears. My review of the Big Bears appeared as North American Fauna No. 41 of the Biological Survey. I assume that you have this series. If not, if you will address a letter to Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., he will be glad to have copies sent you.

On my return to Washington in the fall, I shall be glad to send you duplicates of a number of my papers on birds and mammals, if these would be of interest.

I regret that I cannot refer you to a "good classification of the Animal Kingdom".

You and your University certainly are to be congratulated on the large number of students, both in the University as a whole and in your special department.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 27, 1921

Mr. E. B. Webster
Port Angeles, Washington

Dear Sir:

I have just learned from Grant W. Humes of Elwha that you have published a book treating of the Mammals of the Olympic Mountains, particularly the Roosevelt Elk.

I am anxious to secure a copy. If you will kindly send it addressed to me at Lagunitas, California, with bill for same, I will remit the amount at once.

Very truly yours

August 27, 1921

Mr. Grant W. Humes
Elwha, Washington

Dear Sir:

On returning from a recent field trip, I find a letter from Vernon Bailey telling me that you have a wolf skull from the Olympics which you are willing to let me have. I shall be very glad to see it and would like to add it to our collection. How much is it worth?

I am obliged also for the information that E. B. Webster, of Port Angeles, has published a book on Olympic Mountain mammals. I shall be glad to purchase a copy and am writing for it.

Very truly yours,

August 27, 1921

Mr. F. C. Algar
Stinson Beach, Calif.

My dear Sir:

On arriving from a field trip night before last I found your two photographs in the accumulated mail.

I am very much obliged for both of these and particularly for the splendid picture of the fog bank rolling in over the hill south of Sausalito. It is a wonderful picture and I congratulate you on your success.

With thanks and best wishes to Mrs. Algar and yourself.

Very truly yours,

August 28, 1921

Editor 'Natural History'
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

My dear Sir:

In sending you the manuscript of an article entitled 'The Unforeseen in Indian Vocabularies,' I forgot to ask for separates. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly have 50 separates printed for me and when ready sent to my Washington address, 1919 Sixteenth Street.

If the article is not yet in type, please make a slight change in the title, altering it from 'The Unforeseen in Indian Vocabularies' to 'The Unforeseen in Indian Vocabulary Work.'

Very truly yours,

Aug. 31, 1921

Dear Mr Harrington:

I have just heard from the Manns. They wrote from Portland, Oregon, having gone there direct from Yosemite instead of returning to San Francisco as planned. So decks are clear and we shall be glad to see you as soon as you can come.

I would ask you to come tomorrow but fear this will not reach you in time. So if you will take the 10.45 from Sausalito Ferry slip, Ferry Building, San Francisco, Friday morning, I will meet you at the Lagunitas station at 12.20

I have to go to Alameda with my family Saturday afternoon but we will have time to arrange plans by that time, and can take you with us to S.F. or Berkeley. Glad we can get together at last.

Hastily yours,

Mr John P. Harrington
Pleasanton, Calif.

Sept. 1, 1921

Dear Miss Clemence:

Sorry about your pen. The folks took it to Marsh's this morning. I don't wonder you overlookt it--it's so short!

Am expecting H in the morning, to stay over till Saturday noon. Shall be glad to see you Monday morning if you find it convenient to come.

Have just received and acknowledged Dr Coy's Guide to the County Archives of California--a most useful book and one I am glad to add to our California library.

Am not sure that you took the Miwah name of Merced River; it is Wah-kal'-mut-tah, meaning "big river". It is also called by the Chowchilla and Yosemite Indians, Ah-wah-ne wah-kal-loo'-hu, but in everyday talk the Yosemite Indians call it Wah-kah'-loo, meaning simply THE river.

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Dr Owen C. Coy
Bancroft Library
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Doctor Coy:

A handsome copy of your most useful book--Guide to the County Archives of California--has just reached me, for which I hasten to express my appreciation.

Several years ago I was delighted to know that you had such a work in preparation, not only because of its great value to historians and students of political geography, but also for the more selfish reason that I foresaw that it would be helpful to me in my own field. And only recently, when in Eureka, it was of material service to my daughter in locating old documents for which we were searching--someone in the Court House having loaned her a copy.

I congratulate you on being the parent of so useful a book, and the Historical Survey on having been the means of accomplishing so important a piece of work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

September 7, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams
Chief Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the month of August, amounting to $245.79; and a voucher of $66.50 for Zenaida Merriam, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

There are one or two items which I wish to explain. For instance, on August 6 at San Rafael I purchased a gallon of Monogram oil and later in the same day (at Willetts) additional oil. The reason is that I got a gallon can of oil to carry along for use at places where I was unable to secure the right kind. The oil purchased at Willetts(140 miles north of San Rafael) and other places beyond was put directly into the crank case.

Another matter, though rather trivial, relates to the purchase of gasoline. On the north bound trip the price of gas increased steadily from 23½ cents at San Rafael to 29 cents at Willetts. Accordingly, on the up trip I kept the tank full, purchasing whatever it would hold at the several points passed in order to get the lowest price. On the return trip, the opposite course was followed.

During my side trip to Trinity River August 8 - 16, my daughter remained in camp at Eureka working on early records of Humboldt County Indians preserved in the Courthouse at Eureka, said recordscovering the period from 1854 to the early 60's and being of material value in our work.

On this last trip I was remarkably successful, obtaining vocabularies and other material from five different tribes, and working two members of a tribe supposed to be extinct. This material I have just placed at the disposal of Mr. Harrington who has today gone north to obtain grammatical studies from the same Indians. No one else knows of the existence of these Indians.

Very truly yours,

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P. S. The enclosed bill of $12.56 from M. A. Leese, of 614 9th St., Washington, D. C. has just arrived. It is for a new shutter for one of my camers, which was attached all right. My memory is that the bill was paid before I left Washington but I fail to find any memorandum. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send Leese a check for the above amount.

(Leese bill pd. by S.I. June 15, 1921)

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense account for August, 1921

1921				
Aug.	2	Lagunitas: 5 gals Gas @ 26cts	1 30	1 30
	5	Sausalito: 10 gals Gas @ 23¢	2 35	2 35
		S. Clemence, Berkeley-Lagunitas & return	1 66	1 66
		Rent typewriter for Miss Clemence to August 18	1	4 00
		Marsh & Co., Photo work July	2	27 86
	6	San Rafael: 3 gals Gas .71; Trans oil 1.10		1 81
		1 gal Monogram oil 1.80; Auto tape .10		1 90
		Ukiah: 5 gals gas @ 28		1 40
		Willits: 3 gals Gas @ 29 .87; oil 48		1 35
	8	Stage, Eureka to Willow Cr on Trinity River		6 04
		Bkfst Eureka 75; Dinner Marsh's en route 75		1 50
	9	Supper, ldg & bkfst(Smith's)	3	2 00
		Fare on Mail stage, Willow Cr to Burnt Ranch		1 50
10 & 11		Indian Chesbro & wife, services, vocab &c		10 00
		Knife & other presents for Indian children		1 50
	12	Carpenter Ranch: Board & ldg dinner Aug 9to bkfst	4	5 00
		Stage to South Fork		1 50
	13	Stage, South Fork to Carpenter Ranch		1 50
	16	Indian (A.L.Bush), Trip from Hyampom & services	5	25 00
		Carpenter Ranch: Board & ldg Aug 13-16 incl bd & ldg of Indian (A.L.Bush) & horsefeed	6	7 00
		Stage to Hawkins Bar 4.50; Hawkins Bar-Arcata 7.25		11 75
		Dinner & supper en route @ 75		1 50
		Stage, Arcata-Eureka .54; Ink 10; films 1.50		2 14
		Auto at Eureka 9 days @ 50 cts		4 50
		Repairs to car during my absence(starter lights & tire)		5 54
	17	Eureka: 15 gals gas @ 27, 4.32; oil 70		5 02
		Trinidad: vulcanizing tire		1 00
18-20		Stone Lagoon: Chemareko woman 7.00; Nererner 1.		8 00
	21	Eureka: 12 gals Gas @ 27, 3.24; oil 1.15		4 39
21-22		Fortuna: Burt Lolankok family 5; Garberville Ind. 1.50		6 50
	23	Fortuna Auto-Park: 2 nights @ 50 cts		1 00
	24	Yew-Tree Auto-Park north of Willits, 1 night		50
	24	Willits: 10 gals Gas @ 29 2.90; repairs & oil, 9.15	7	12 05
	24	San Rafael: 10 gals Gas @ 23¢		2 35
		Camp meals, self, 10 days @ 1.25 (Aug. 6&7, & 17-24 incl.)		12 50
		Camp meals, asst., 19days @1.25 (Aug. 6-24 incl)		23 75
	29	S.Clemence, Rent typewriter Aug 18-Sept. 18	8	4 00
		S.Clemence, Berkeley-Lagunitas & ret.Sat. special		1 48
		S.Clemence, meals on Ferry en route		1 50
	30	Marsh & Co. Photo work, August account	9	9 45
	30	Sausalito Ferry: Car & self to San Francisco, ret.		1 40
		New leaf to car spring(Hoover hill)	10	4 50
		Meal s 1.50; street car fares 35		1 85
		10 gals Gas @ 23¢		2 35
		Dr H.I.Priestly, Univ.Calif. Photo copy Lafora map	11	10 00
		Postage		60
				245 79

September 7, 1921

Mr. E. Mallinckrodt, Jr.,
Little Moose Lake
Old Forge, New York

Dear Mr. Mallinckrodt:

Absence on a field trip in northern California delayed my receipt of your letter of August 17 with accompanying article and illustrations on your Bear Hunt on Alaska Peninsula.

I have just read your manuscript, which is so full of real meat that every page of it interests me greatly -- so much so indeed that I shall be glad to quote from it in my final work on the Big Bears.

Your photographs are remarkable, particularly the one showing the charging Bear which changed his mind, and the series showing the sleeping mother and cubs, with several stages of their awaking and final retreat up the rocky slope. This is the most splendid series of pictures of a bear family that I have ever seen, and I doubt if it will ever be equalled. You are to be congratulated on securing so many views of such unusual merit.

You ask for criticisms of the manuscript. I have only a few to make:

On the first page you mention the region between Mount Fairweather and Mount St. Elias as "the region of greatest glacial abundance on this continent". I should add "except the Chugach a and Wrangell Mountains and the fiords of Prince William Sound".

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The great Columbia Glacier of Prince William Sound and the Harvard and Yale glaciers at the heads of the forks of College Fiord extend far back into the mountains, covering enormous areas. It might be better to enlarge your territory, leaving the first part of the sentence as it stands so that it would read "The region of greatest glacial abundance on the continent extends from Cross Sound to the fiords of Prince William Sound and back into the interior as far as the Chugach and Wrangell Mountains."

Page 4.-- I have taken the liberty of changing your word 'variety' to 'species', for the reason that naturalists do not employ 'Variety' in the sense in which you have used it. I have also made a slight change in the last sentence of the same paragraph.

Page 5.-- Your explanation of the trails of the Big Bear strikes me as entirely correct.

You were extremely fortunate in witnessing the bear fight you describe, and your account of it is certainly thrilling. At the bottom of page 5 you speak of "lack of definition in the picture". The photograph seems to me clear and sharp -- not needing any apology.

Page 6.-- In describing the fight you say that the Grizzly is supposed to kill cattle by ripping up the belly. I have read many firsthand accounts of cattle-killing by Grizzlies, but do not remember to have come across anything of this kind. Your explanation of the cause of the fight as a rutting season battle strikes me as correct.

Page 9.-- Your observations on the colors of cubs and adult Bears are interesting and agree with Sheldon's experience in the same line.

The last paragraph on page 9 needs correction, as bear cubs are not born in spring, but always in mid-winter. More than 95 percent are born in the month of January, a few in rare cases holding on until the first week in February. Strange as it may appear, all of our American Bears from the Arctic to Mexico, including the Polar Bears, Big Brown Bears of Alaska, Grizzlies, and Blacks, have their young in January.

You say that the young at birth are not much larger than a large squirrel. In this statement you are within the truth. I have been fortunate enough to examine newly born young of both the Big Brown Bear of Alaska Peninsula, Ursus gyas, and yellowstone grizzlies. In both cases they were decidedly smaller than a gray squirrel. Their eyes were glued shut and their bodies were practically naked. Under natural conditions, the mother does not leave her den until several months after the cubs are born, and one would be safe in saying that the cubs are not able to follow their mother until they are at least two or three months old.

At the bottom of page 12 you speak of the great Kadiak Bear at the Bronx Zoo with a front paw approximately 10 inches wide, measured from his foot marks on the concrete floor. It goes without saying that the great weight of a Big Bear will cause the foot to bulge out sidewise far enough to give an appreciably greater measurement than that taken from the foot itself. The Bear in question is supposed to have come from Kadiak Island, but I have always had my doubts. I have not seen this animal and its companion for a couple of years, but on previous visits I have not detected any points of difference from the big

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Alaska Peninsula Ursus gyas. When I last saw it there was no trace of the great domed top of the head which is characteristic of males of the Kadiak Bear.

You do not say much about the food of the Bears you killed. If you made any notes on the stomach contents, it would be worth while to mention these in your article.

As a minor matter of nomenclatural typography, it is the custom of naturalists to begin all specific names with a lower case letter, reserving caps for the initial letter of the generic name. Thus, we write Ursus gyas and Ursus middendorfi, not Ursus Gyas and Ursus Middendorfi.

I am returning your manuscript and photographs by registered mail herewith, and am very much obliged to you for letting me read the article in advance of its publication. It is a real contribution to our knowledge of the natural history of the Big Bears, and will be read with interest by both naturalists and hunters.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 7, 1921

M. E. B. Webster
President Klahhane Club
Port Angeles, Washington

Dear Mr. Webster:

Your letter of the 1st inst. came a day or two ago, and your book, the 'King of the Olympics', arrived yesterday.

It is needless to add that I am greatly pleased to see this book, which I had not seen before, and that I greatly appreciate your courtesy in sending it to me. I spent last evening reading parts of it and was delighted to find that it abounds in reliable information, much of which is entirely new to most of us, concerning the habits of a considerable number of mammals. It is therefore of practical value to me and I shall take the liberty of quoting from you in a number of instances.

You were fortunate also in obtaining so many excellent illustrations. I was surprised to learn that my protege, the Roosevelt Elk, is so abundant, and that it has been possible to secure a photograph showing so many in a single view.

While you disclaim anything more than a popular knowledge of our mammals, you have nevertheless made valuable contributions to the life histories of several species.

I have made note of the numbers of North American Fauna which you already have and think I can send you some of the others on my return to Washington in the late fall.

With renewed thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yurs,

Dr E.W.Nelson, Chief
U.S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Sept.12,1921

Dear Nelson:

Yours of the 6th instant just received.

The two batches of Bear skulls from Fred Phillips of Iliamna were acknowledged by me under date of March 18, 1921, and a check of $77 in payment therefor was sent by the Smithsonian on or about April 1st.

Am starting for Klamath River today, expecting to be back at Lagunitas about the end of the month. Meanwhile the family will be here on and off, between visits in the Bay region.

We all are expecting to see you at Lagunitas early in October. Till then, So long.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept, 27, 1921

Collector, Internal Revenue
Baltimorep Md.

Dear Sir:

Your notice (enclosed herewith) of additional Income Tax for 1918, forwarded from Washington, reached me today on my return from a field trip in northern California.

My check for the amount($55.34) on National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 27, 1921

Mr J. P. Harrington
Willow Creek, Calif.

Dear Mr Harrington:

Your most interesting and most welcome letter of Sept.11 reached me today on my return from Klamath River.

I stopped on the way to have another session with Mrs M. and was able to clear up a whole lot of those miserable discrepancies and misunderstandings--thanks be!

You surely were in luck to run across Mr Dailey on your way up, and I am delighted to know that you are having such success with Mrs Noble.

The term Sah-ya given you as the name of a coast tribe south is in its several forms (as Sā-yah, Si'-ah &c) in use among various north-coast tribes for a tribe or tribes living at a distance--sometimes up Mad River or the Van Duzen; sometimes for the tribes collectively south of the We'-yot; sometimes for tribes far to the northward. It seems to refer to distant unknown people, rather than to any specific tribe.

I have names for Hummingbird and the little bobtail Wren but am not sure of either of them. Perhaps you will have better luck. Other words desired are : already, always, not yet, never, around (as, around the house), top, bottom, middle. And did they have a name for yellow?

Have too much to do today to write more now. Give my kindest regards to Mrs Noble, and please keep me posted as to your address, and as to when likely to return.

With best wishes,

C. Hart Merriam

September 30, 1921

Col. H. C. Rizer
Chief Clerk
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Col. Rizer:

Very many thanks for your letter of September 14, which I find on my return from a field trip in the Klamath River region. Thanks for the Gilroy Hot Springs and Daulton map sheets also received.

The information you give me about Twenty-nine Palms, Old Woman Spring, and other points is just what I wanted, and I am particularly glad to know that the Indians formerly at Twenty-nine Palms have moved to Palm Springs. This will enable me to reach them much more easily.

I worked with the Indians at Palm Springs several years ago before the arrival of the ones you mention; have also worked the Mohave and Needles region.

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C. Hart Merriam

September 30, 1921

Dr. John C. Merriam
President Carnegie Institution
Washington, D. C.

My dear J. C.

On returning to Lagunitas from a recent trip in the Klamath region, I find your letter of the 15th inst. awaiting attention.

We are glad to know that you and family have reached Washington safely, and that you find our house properly closed, and apparently undisturbed.

I am surprised at what you tell me about Dr. T. T. Waterman's material on the Indian names of the geographic features of the Crescent City region. I had supposed that the University of California(Department of Archaeology and Ethnology) was the logical and proper place for the publication of such material. If not, I hardly know what to suggest. I myself have on hand enough ethnological material to fill a series of volumes, but do not yet know how or when I shall be able to publish.

Elizabeth and Zenaida expect to return to Washington the last of October, but I am likely to remain in California a month or so later.

With kindest regards to you all,

As ever yours

C. Hart Merriam

September 30, 1921

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

On returning from my last trip in the Klamath River region, I find your letter of the 19th inst. awaiting attention.

The Lagunitas branch of the Merriam family is grieved beyond words to know that you are not to be with us in the near future, as we had several little trips up our sleeve which we feel sure you would be glad to take with us.

However we shall hope for better success next year and trust that in the meantime you will be able to keep in good health, and that you will succeed in accomplishing what you wish for the Survey. It certainly is a great pity that the Survey has to be kept on the defensive so much of the time in connection with reorganization schemes.

Enclosed is a letter just received from W. E. Duryea of Dutton, Iliamna Bay, complaining that the Anderson Dock Company of Seldovia is holding several boxes of bear skulls, apparently for transportation charges. Will you kindly drop this Company a line containing the proper stimulus?.

With best wishes from us all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

October 3, 1921

Mr. J. P. Harrington
Willow Creek, Humboldt Co.,
California

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Had expected to be off on another trip before this, but have had so much to do in writing up the results of the last trip that I m still at Lagunitas.

Since writing you the other day I have thought of several things that seem worth while looking into while you are still on the ground.

For instance, Mrs. Mg. gave a form of plural that I did not get from anyone else -- a person che-mahr, plural che-mars and che-mar'-rahs; house, ah'-wah, houses ah-wahs; tree, at'-trah, trees at-tras; man, é-tre, men, é-tris; sand, am-mi'-yah-kah, sandy am-mi'-yah-kas; dog, she-chel'-lah; dogs, she-chel'-las.

Coyote has two wholly different names: namely, Mi-chan-te'-rah and Che'-tin-to'-sah.

I failed to get the Chemareko name for the tribe on South Fork Trinity just above (south of) its junction with the main Trinity. Likewise the name of the tribe at Forks of Salmon.

The big Skunk is Prish'-rah. I did not get the distinctive name for the Little Spotted Skunk.

The names of animals which I failed to get are: Porcupine, Beaver, Mole, Eagle, Redtail Hawk, Blackbird, Kingfisher, Flicker, Swallow, Humming-bird, King Snake, Bull Snake, large Lizard (living in forest), Toad (as distinct from frog), Hornet, Mosquito, Worm.

Other words which I asked for, but did not get: smoke-hole and chipping-bone. Nor could I get any words for the general terms, animal and plant.

The name Chim'-mel is the Maidenhair Fern (Adiantum pedatum ×erophyllum).

See if you can get the name of the little Wren. I got Patch'-e-win paw'-choc-lah, but am not sure that this is correct. On the last trip, I got for Robin, Choc'-sawk bil'-lik, which obviously is from its song. See if you can get another name for it.

On my second visit Mrs. Mg. gave Yek'-yek as the name of a powerful hawk, doubtless the same as Wek'-wek, the falcon, but I do not know any way of making sure of the species except by inference.

It is interesting to note that Mrs. N. gave you for Ironside Mountain, A-woo Treh-dah. Mrs. Mg. on my last visit gave me a reverse form - namely, Trā'-woo Ah'-woo, both meaning the same thing, Big Mountain.

I expect to start north again in a couple of days, and hope to put in some more work before the rains set in. Hope to find a letter from you on my return.

Please give my kind regards to Mrs. Noble and also to Forest Rangers Graham and Gregory, of you chance to meet them.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

October 3, 1921

Mr. James Chesbro
Burnt Ranch
Trinity Co., Calif.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed are prints of the photographs I took when at your place some time ago. They seem to me to be very good, and I hope you will like them.

Please give my kind regards to all of your family.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

October 3, 1921

Mrs. George Green
Burnt Ranch
Trinity Co., Calif.

Dear Mrs. Green:

Enclosed are prints of the photographs I took of your family. It has taken a long time to get them, as I have been far away on another long trip.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

October 5, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams
Chief Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am transmitting my account for the month of September amounting to $177.89, And shall be obliged if you will kindly send the check to Lagunitas as early as practicable, for the reason that I expect to go to Southern California soon after the 20th, and should like to deposit it in the Crocker Bank before I leave this part of the State.

Have recently returned from another most successful trip to the Klamath and Salmon River country, where I obtained a splendid lot of material from a survivor of another tribe supposed to be extinct.

Later on will write you about where to send the next pay checks.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense account for September 1921

Sept.	7	San Anselmo, 10 gals. gas @ 23½¢		2	35
	9	2 pkgs. stamped envelopes		1	12
	13	5 gals. Mobile oil		6	55
Trip to Klamath River:					
	14	RR Sausalito - Eureka $15.55; Eureka- Arcata $0.52		16	02
		Meals en route		1	80
	15	Room Arcata Hotel	1	2	00
		Photos of Indians (purchased)			75
		Stage, Arcata to Orleans		9	81
		Bkfst Arcata .75; din. Trinidad .50		1	25
	16	Stone Lagoon, Sup., Ldg., Bkfst.	2	1	50
		Paid Chemareko woman vocab work		4	00
	18-19	Orleans: McLellan Karok, 3 persons, 2 days @ $2		12	00
		Knife for boy .50; Beads &c for girls .50		1	10
	20	Stage, Orleans to Salmon River mouth		1	25
	22	Butler Flat: Konomeho woman 2 days @ $3		6	00
		Bd. & Ldg., 2 days Sept. 20-22, $3; Feed of horse 2 days $1.50	3	4	50
	24-25	Orleans: McLellan Karok, 3 persons 2 days @ $2		12	00
		Bd. & Ldg. Sup. Sept. 16 - Bkfst. Sept. 20 $9.50; Sup. Sept. 23 - Bkfst. Sept. 27 $9.50	4	19	00
		Stage, Orleans - Eureka	5	10	35
		Eureka: Baggage .25; Supper $1.		1	25
		RR fare, Eureka - San Rafael		15	55
		Lower berth	6	4	05
		Bkfst.			75
		Fare, San Rafael - Lagunitas			52
		Marsh & Co. Photo work for September	7	26	16
Paid through Miss Clemence:					
Sept.	6	RR & ferry, Berkeley-Lagunitas & return		2	03
		Meals		1	50
	15	1 ream typewriting paper; 2 sten. note-books	8	1	90
	16	Rent of typewriter Sept. 18 - Oct. 18	9	4	00
	29	1 box carbon paper	10	3	00
	30	RR & ferry, Berkeley - Lagunitas & return		2	03
		Meals		1	50
		Telephone Berkeley - Lagunitas			30
				177	89

October 5, 1921

Prof. B. W. Evermann
California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Evermann:

On returning from my recent trip to Klamath River, I found your note of Sept. 26, asking me to call at the Academy.

This I certainly shall do before returning East. I have already called at your office a couple of times, but had the misfortune of finding you out.

As you and I were both brought up on farms, we realize the necessity for making hay while the sun shines. Therefore you will realize, particularly in view of the coast climate at this season, why I am setting out in the morning for my last field trip up the coast.

Till my return,

Very truly yours,

October 5, 1921

Mr. Ray White
Burnt Ranch
Trinity Co., Calif.

Dear Mr. White:

When you took mefrom Burnt Ranch down Trinity River in your chariot and let me stop to take a couple of photographs, I promised to send you prints, if they were any good. One of them is no good at all, the other rather poor. However I am sending it to you herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

October 5, 1921

Mr. James Saxey
Willow Creek
Humboldt Co., Calif.

Dear Sir:

When you and I met at Burnt Ranch in July, I promised to send you a copy of the little photograph I took of the family at your uncle's place.

I took these pictures with a very small camera, and had to have the prints enlarged. Owing to my absence on other trips, I have only today received the enlargements, and am sending you herewith the one I promised.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 5, 1921

Mr. Charles W. Carpenter
Burnt Ranch
Trinity Co., Calif.

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

It is an odd coincidence that your letter of October 2 reached me this morning in the same mail with the enlargements of some photographs I took with my little camera while at your place last July.

As one of these shows two of your children, and two of the others show parts of your ranch, I thought you might be interested to have them, and therefore I am enclosing them herewith.

Since leaving you I have made two trips up the coast, the last one to Klamath River; and we are planning to start north again tomorrow.

With kind regards and best wishes to you all, including the dear little children.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Am sending a little pen test photo also

October 6, 1921

Mr. J. P. Harrington
Burnt Ranch
Trinity Co., Calif.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Your letter of September 30 arrived a few minutes ago. I am thankful that it came when it did as we are to start north on my last trip early in the morning, expecting to go to the Lower Eel River country and possibly a little farther north, but am in fear that the rains will overtake us, which will be bad for the camping.

I am delighted that your success is continuing and that you are getting suchsplendid results from Mrs. N; also that you got the early name of Ironside Mountain. I have the skeleton of the tale she told me relating to this sacred mountain. Wish you could get her songs of which she spoke.

The film you enclosed I will send to San Francisco in the morning by Miss Clemence, and will have the results to send you along with the film on my return.

Now we come to a rather serious matter. Mrs.Merriam and Zenaida start back for Washington about the 25th, as their tickets expire the last of the month. When they go, I expect to close the house and go to Southern California for a little work before returning to Washington. This brings

up the question: What shall I do with your baskets and that precious book of Taylor's? I could make a comfortable package of the book and leave it in the Crocker Bank in San Francisco subject to your call; but the baskets make rather a large bundle. I will be glad to do whatever you wish with them, so please have a letter waiting for me on my return about October 20.

Thanks for your Tamal poem. It is excellent. You certainly have a nature unusually sensitive to natural phenomena and a power of expression which I wish were mine also.

I wrote you a few days ago, and have no doubt that the letter reached you in due course.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Noble and best wishes to yourself,

Very truly yours,

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October 19, 1921

Mr. Newton B. Drury
Secretary 'Save the Redwoods League'
Library, University of California.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of Septembe r 7 in relation to the Redwood Groves along the Highway.

I have just returned from my third trip over this Highway to Humboldt Bay, making 6 traverses during the present season . Last year I drove through the same groves 6 or 8 times,so that I am fairly familiar with them and their locations.

You were wrong in interpreting my locations for the groves on the sout h side of main Eel River, mentioned by me in my letter of August 27.

The 3 groves on this part of the road which in my judgment are of utmost importance to be saved are :

1. Beginning in the west at Scotia Bridge and continuing easterly along the south side of the river about a mile. I do not know the name or owner of this grove.
2. Pepperwood Grove, beginning about 2 miles from the Scotia Bridge and extending easterly a mile and a half; or, counting from the other end, beginning about a mile ad a half west of Pepperwood.
3. Grove next west of Dyerville, beginning half a mile west

Drury 2

of Dyerville and extending westerly for about 2 miles. This has nothing whatever to do with the Bull Creek Flat Grove mentioned by you.

The distance traversed by the Highway along the south side of main Eel River between Dyerville and Scotia Bridge is a little over 13 miles. Along this part of the highway as seen from the road are 6 fairly distinct bodies of Redwood. If these are cut this part of the route will become a scene of horrible desolation, instead of one of the most beautiful and interesting parts of the entire highway between San Francisco and Humboldt Bay. The preservation of the 3 groves mentioned is, in my judgment, of vastly greater importance than that of the Bull Creek Grove, about which so much has been said, and which lies wholly off from the Highway so that a special detour is necessary in order to see it.

North of Humboldt Bay and traversed by the Highway in passing around the southern part of Big Lagoon is one of the most interesting bodies of timber in the State. The forest consists of a mixture of Redwood, Coast Hemlock and Sitka Spruce. The undergrowth is remarkable for its density and for the number of species included. To the northward it ends abruptly where the Bracken Barrens begin.

I assume, of course, that you are familiar with the body of Redwoods along the Lower Klamath, and also with the fine forest between Crescent City and Gasquet.

Very truly yours

October 19, 1921

Mr. M. Hall McAllister
486 California Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. McAllister:

On returning from a recent field trip in the North, I find your letters of October 3 and 5 relating to Mt. Shasta awaiting attention.

The record you enclosed is of interest, but I fear I cannot add to it or make any corrections of material value.

However, I can help out on one point -- namely, the name of the mountain. So far as I remember, it was named by Peter Ogden in 1826 (date subject to correction) and was called Saste. This, so far as I am aware, is the earliest use of the name. Ogden states that he named it for the tribe of Indians of the same name. These Indians lived not only near Yreka as you said, but also in Shasta Valley to its southernmost extremity at what is now Edgewood, and also along Klamath River from Shovel Creek westerly to Sciad Creek. The members of the several divisions of the tribe all agree in giving the name as Saste or Shaste, never Shasta. They agree further in the statement that this is not their name for themselves, but that it was bestowed upon them by some other people.

The Sheep Rock of today, north of Mt. Shasta, was, so far as known, the last resort of Mountain Sheep in that region, but singularly enough it is not the 'Sheep Rock' of the early

explorers and miners. George Gibbs in 1851 or 1852 mentions sheep on 'Sheep Rock', but his 'Sheep Rock' was on the Scott Valley side of Scott Mountains considerably west of Shasta!

Are you sure that John Muir reports "bagging a dam and ewe on the lava beds to the northeast of Shasta"? Did Muir at any time in his life bag anything larger than a loaf of bread and a handful of tea?

Under the head of Elk, you state that they migrated west to the coast. Where can any evidence be found of this fact? We know that elk were formerly common along the coast and that they were common also on Mount Shasta, but it by no means follows that the mountain animals migrated to the coast. Their migration is much more likely to have been into the camp kettle.

You state that the Columbia Blacktail Deer still exists in sight of Shasta. You may safely state that hundreds of them still exist on the slopes of the mountain.

On my return to Washington I can verify dates and possibly one or two other points.

Very truly yours,

October 19, 1921

Hon. Peter G. Ten Eyck
House of Representatives U. S.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of October 3rd is at hand, suggesting the change of name of the Erie Canal to Barge Canal, and recommending that certain locations be indicated on official maps.

The matter will be laid before the U. S. Geographic Board in the near future.

Very truly yours,

October 19, 1921

Mr. James W. McGuire
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McGuire:

On returning from a recent field trip in northern California, I find your letter of the 3rd inst. relating to geographic names in the neighborhood of San Francisco Bay.

On my return to Washington, I shall be glad to take the matter up in connection with the charts you have prepared. The main difficulty, so far as my personal field work goes, is that very few Indians remained alive in the Bay Region at the time I began field work here some 30 years ago. However I have obtained a few names and our examination of old Spanish records has brought to light a few others. In many cases it is difficult, if not impossible, to exactly locate the features to which early Spanish names were applied.

During the season now closing I have worked mainly in northwest California, and have obtained a large number of geographic names in the Humboldt Bay and Lagoons region, and along Klamath, Salmon, Trinity, Van Duzen, Mad, Eel, and South Fork Eel Rivers, and also in the upper Russian River region.

As soon as practicable on my return I will take up the matter with you.

Very truly yours,

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October 19, 1921

Mr. Charles S. Sloane
Census Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Enclosed is a letter from Congressman Ten Eyck of New York making certain recommendations, the most surprising of which seems to be the change of the historic name Erie Canal to Barge Canal.

You may see me in the near future. I had planned to do some work in Southern California before returning, but the threatened strike may drive me home by the end of the month.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1921

Mr. Vernon Bailey
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bailey:

On returning to Lagunitas from our latest field trip in the North, I was glad to find your letter of the 10th inst. Am glad also to know that in your new quarters you have better light than formerly.

As to my ornithological papers which I loaned to the Survey at their request some years ago, would say that Dr. Nelson agreed to return them to me more than a year ago, and asked whether I wanted them delivered at my office or at the house. I told him at the house.

Later I called his attention to the fact that they had never arrived and he said he would look the matter up. But up to the time we left Washington they had not been returned. I want them of course, as they form an important part of my ornithological library.

After my return I should be glad to have them with the case in which I left them (which is my personal property) returned to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street.

With best wishes to you all, as ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1921

Mr. George Burt
Fortuna, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Ten days ago I went to your place to see you and found the house closed. I went back the next day and it was still closed. I inquired at the next house and they told me that you and your family were in the hills. They did not know where.

I had your photographs ready to give you and also wanted to talk with you some more.

I am enclosing the photographs in this letter. Some of them are pretty good, others not good.

I want to see you again, but cannot make another trip this year as I am going back East. I expect to return to California in the spring, and will then go North to see you.

Hoping that you and your family will have a good winter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1921

Mr. Peter McClellan
Orleans, Calif.

Dear Mr. McClellan:

Since I saw you last at Orleans I came back to my summer home at Lagunitas and then made another trip by automobile north to Humboldt Bay, and have just returned.

We were caught in the rain, but that did not matter much, as we secured a quantity of good material from Indians along the way.

I am enclosing prints of the best photographs I took of your family, and hope you will like them.

Early next season I hope to visit you again.

With kind regards and best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1921

Mr. Joe Willetts
Laytonville, Calif.

My dear Sir:

I was greatly disappointed by the rains which interfered with our work last week. We were afraid of getting stuck in the mud, and therefore hurried home.

I enjoyed working with you very much, because you were so patient and so careful in pronouncing the words of your language clearly so that I could get every sound correctly.

I want to see you again, but cannot until next spring, as we are now going back to Washington. I will go to see you again soon after we return to California in the spring.

Hoping you will have a good winter, and that you and your family will keep well.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1921

Mrs. Martinez Bell
Laytonville, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Bell:

After leaving your house in the rain last week, we got through all right, although in one place we had to be hauled round a curve in the mud by a team of horses.

We were all sorry to have to leave so suddenly, but were afraid of the rain and mud. Next spring we will try to visit you early so that we will not have to hurry away.

Mrs. Merriam will write you later after she reaches her home in Washington.

With best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1921

Dr. John C. Merriam
President Carnegie Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear J. C.

Thanks for yours of the 10th inst., which we found awaiting our return from our last trip North. We got caught by the rains and had some trouble with slippery roads, but pulled through all right and are now packing for the East.

Elizabeth and Zenaida are grateful for your kind invitation to dinner on their arrival, but have already accepted a similar invitation from my sister Florence, with whom they expect to stay the first day or two after reaching Washington.

They plan to arrive on the last day of the month, and would of course be greatly pleased if you were able to meet them at the train. But do not make a point of this, as the street cars go from the station to within half a block of my sister's house. We all appreciate your kindness in the matter.

I had planned to go South for a month or two before returning East, but may be obliged to go directly home if the threatened railroad tie-up seems bound to go through.

With best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1921

Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this, kindly forward no more mail to Lagunitas, Calif. coming to Washington addressed to Dr. C. Hart Merriam, Mrs. Merriam, and Miss Zenaida Merriam, 1919 Sixteenth Street, but hold same until our arrival on or about November 1, on and after which date it may be delivered at our house 1919 Sixteenth Street.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Thanks for your promptness in sending check for my last expense account.

Please hold salary check for Miss Clemence until she calls for it about the first of November.

In my own case I hardly know what to say. I have planned to work in Southern California for a month or two, but the threatened railroad tie-up, if not settled within the next few days, may drive me back to Washington. Hence unless you hear from me to the contrary, please hold my pay check also, but if the threatened strike is called off in time, I may wire you another address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 19, 1921

Mr. Harry Stanford
Kalispell, Montana
My dear Sir:

Your letter of September 30 has been forwarded to me from Washington. I am glad to know that you have secured the three Grizzlies which you are willing to let me have for our National collection, in case I am able to supply the teeth.

I will take the matter up with Mr. Clark, and will let you know on my return to Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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October 19, 1921

Mr. James L. Clark
250 West 49th Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Clark:

Since you have gone into the Akeley Camera business, what has become of your celluloid bear teeth? Are they still to be had? If so, I shall want about 3 sets of medium size(not the largest) soon after my return to Washington. Shall be glad to know if they are still obtainable, and at what price.

Wishing you success in your new business.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 19, 1921

R. A. Whall
Manager Metropolitan Air Goods Co.,
Sthol, Mass.

My dear Sir:

On returning from a recent field trip, I find your letter of the 10th inst. and also the long looked-for valve attachment for use in inflating your air beds and pillows.

This is the first I have ever seen, as the one you sent on July 20 must have been lost or stolen from the mail.

This attachment remedies the only fault I have had with your goods. I and my family are particularly pleased with your short camp bed, and I expect to order at least one more for next year's use.

Very truly yours,

October 19, 1921

Mr. Ernest Hesse
World Book Co.
Yonkers, New York

Dear Sir:

Thanks for the copy of Dr. Jordan's booklet entitled 'Matka', which you sent me earlier in the season, and which I have read with interest and pleasure.

I hope it will be widely read by the young people in our schools, as it will open their eyes to the life history of the Fur-Seal--- a most interesting animal, wholly unknown in life to most of our people.

Very truly yours

November 2, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am handing you my Expense account for October, amounting to $501. 63, and voucher for Zenaida Merriam, services, $31.50, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

This voucher covers my last field trip in California, and return to Washington. It includes also my return fare from Washington to California for use in the spring, and the cost of a new battery for the car, the receipt for which did not reach me in time to include in my September account.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

October Expense Account

1921				
Sept. 16	Sparrow Bros., San Rafael, Calif. New Willard Battery for automobile	1	48	00
Oct.7-15	Auto trip north to Humboldt Bay & return:			
8	Willets, Wagner Garage: Oil, gas, & labor	2	5	90
9	Rhonerville: Nekanni old woman (Vocab.work)		1	50
10	Eureka: New tire casing for car (33x4)	3	23	70
	Table Bluff Indians (services & presents)		3	00
13-14	Kahto Valley Indians: Mrs. Bell $1; Joe Matomki $3; Tony Ookotontilka $6; Presents $1		11	00
15	Ukiah: Palace Hotel,rooms, self & asst.(rainy night)	4	4	00
	Gasoline, Oct.9-15 $10.77; Oil & repairs $12.15		22	92
7-15	Meals en route, self & asst. @ $1.25 each,9 days		22	50
19	Miss Clemence, Return trip, Berkeley-Lagunitas		2	44
	Miss Clemence, meals en route		1	50
	Rent typewriter for Miss Clemence, Oct. 18-25	5	1	00
20	Univ. Calif., Photo sheets Costanso MS map Calif.	6	4	00
25	Lagunitas: Baggage out $1;Ticket to check on $1.04		2	04
	Fare, San Rafael-San Francisco .42; Baggage S.F. .25			67
	San Francisco: Meals $2; Street car fares .20		2	20
26	San Francisco: Cartwright Hotel, room	7	3	00
	Hand Baggage .25; Street cars .20			45
	So.Pacific Co.,Return ticket, SF-Washington-SF		206	13
	Sleeper, SF-Chicago	9	25	52
29	Sleeper, Chicago-Washington	10	8	91
30	Meals en route, SF-Washington, Oct. 26-30		14	00
	Pullman Porters $1.; Baggage in, Washn. .60		1	60
	Miss Clemence, Return to Washington:			
	Berkeley, Baggage out		1	00
	Sleeper, Berkeley-Washington		34	43
	Meals en route		14	00
	Washington, Baggage in			60
	Expressage & Insurance on MSS, Vocabs, Maps, &c:			
	San Rafael-Washington, Chest	11	12	35
	do. do. 2 packages	12	4	86
26	Marsh & Co., Photo work in October	8 a-e	18	41
			501	63

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Nov.5,1921

Dr J. P. Harrington
Burnt Ranch, Calif.

Dear Dr Harrington:

You may be surprised to hear from me at this end of the line. But the threatened railroad strike and the condition of my hernia drove me back to Washington direct, without stopping in So. California as I had planned. I now expect to stop at Las Vegas and one or two places on Colorado River on my way back in the spring.

Before leaving Lagunitas we packed and shipped by express the Taylor book and the baskets, according to your directions. The expressage and war tax amounted to 50 cents on the book and $2.44 on the baskets--in all $2.94.

The negative and prints of Mrs N 1 will send you by registered mail tomorrow.

I hunted through my notes at Lagunitas and had the good luck to find the name and address of the old Mutsoon-Hoomontwash woman at Watsonville. Her name is Josepha, and she lived when I saw her, on Lake Avenue one mile east of Watsonville. Whether or not she is still alive I have no means of knowing--but we will hope for the best. She was very kind and willing, but my ignorance of Spanish prevented me from gathering her crop of ripe fruit.

No, Abe Bush did not speak of any woman who talked Chemareko but on the contrary considedeed himself the last person having any knowledge of the language. I think it will pay you to see him for I feel sure that he knows a lot more than he was able to remember at the moment . His memory would return if properly stimulated.

JPH 2

You certainly are to be congratulated on your patience and success in getting texts of the stories in Chemareko, as well on the other material you are securing in such quantity. It is splendid.

North Fork Trinity was Chemareko territory but the Indians of that part of their country are all dead. I did not get the name Sam-nah-me.

The information that "Ketinchow", usually written Hettenshaw, was former Chemareko territory is most interesting as indicating an unsuspected early extension of their country. I am sure that Abe Bush did not know this or he would have mentioned it when I asked him particularly about the southern limit of the tribe.

If the little box of plants you mention as sending to me at Lagunitas is forwarded to Washington, I will let you know at once.

Owing to the high price of apartments I have given up trying to find outside quarters this winter and shall operate in our own house. This is inconvenient, but will have the advantage of a material saving of funds for field work.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov.8,1921

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for four hundred dollars ($400) in repayment of same amount advanced me from Harriman Fund the middle of last June, for field expenses in California.

Very truly yours,

Nov. 8, 1921

Mr R. A. Khall, Mgr.
Metropolitan Air-Goods Co.
Athol, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 26, returned to me from California, would say that you are welcome to use anything I said concerning your air goods.

Very truly yours,

Nov. 8, 1921

Hon. Peter G. Ten Eyck
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of October 26(forwarded to my California address and returned to Washington), would say that your suggestions concerning names to be applied to certain branches of the old Erie Canal, will be brought to the attention of the Executive Committee of the U. S. Geographic Board at its next meeting, the first week in December.

Very truly yours,

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

November 16, 1921

Dear Nelson:

Your letter of November 4 from Sacramento has been forwarded to me from Lagunitas.

When you saw Grinnell you doubtless learned that we had all pulled out for the East. Too bad that we have again missed one another in California, but both of us have hopes of living another year.

On reaching home I promptly came down with my usual fall attack of grippe, due to the dust of house-cleaning. For this reason I have not yet called on your mother, though I expect to do so in the near future, as I am now nearly well.

I wrote you at Orosi acknowledging the box of splendid grapes contributed to our larder just before we left for home. They were the most delicious grapes we have ever eaten--and that is saying a good deal.

As usual you are driving too fast and too hard. Better curb your ambitions a little and add a few years to your longevity.

Doubtless you are being thrilled by the unexpectedly splendid prospects of the Disarmament Conference. I was lucky enough to have a reserved seat in Continental Hall at the opening session and heard every word of the addresses of the President and Secretary Hughes. It was a momentous occasion, and the boldness of it astounded the world.

With best wishes from us all,

As ever,

Dr. E. W. Nelson,
Orosi, Calif. R.R.A. Box 135.

November 16, 1921

My dear Carlos:

Your letter of October 26 was written the day we left California for the East. My departure was hastened by the threatened railroad strike, which, had it happened as announced, would have put me in a bad hole.

Mrs. Merriam, Zennida, and I were extremely disappointed to have missed the visit from you and your good wife. It was hard luck.

For several years we have planned to drive to Alum Rock and see you before returning East, but pressure of field work and early rains have thus far prevented. We are hoping for better success next year. Meanwhile, we should be greatly delighted if you and Mrs. Hittell could manage to make us a visit at Lagunitas--letting us know in advance so that we would be sure to be at home. As a general thing we spend more than half the time in the field, returning between trips to answer letters, attend to necessary business, and replenish supplies for the next trip. I am exceedingly anxious to complete field work in northern California while still able to carry on this kind of work.

With kindest regards from us all to you and your wife,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Charles J. Hittell,
Rural A, San Jose, Calif.

November 16, 1921

Mr. Ansel F. Hall,
Yosemite, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your letter from California has been forwarded to me here in Washington. I returned earlier than usual this year in order to avoid possible entanglements resulting from the threatened railway strike.

I am interested to know that you have been appointed Park Naturalist of Yosemite, and congratulate you on this distinction.

I appreciate your generous offer of a copy of your Handbook of Yosemite Park, and should be very glad to have it.

Regretting that my early departure prevented a visit from you at Lagunitas, with best wishes

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 16, 1921

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 1st inst., and for your identification of the young ferns and Iris.

The necessity of completing my field work while I am physically able to do so is now so urgent that during the past season I set everything else aside, and still failed to complete work in the northern part of the state. I plan to return very early next spring and hope to be able to finish this part of the work, and also to see more of my friends.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Miss Alice Eastwood,
Academy of Sciences,
San Francisco, Calif.

CHM:MG

November 16, 1921

Mr. Will G. Steel,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Steel:

On returning from California a short time ago I found your letter concerning your card index of some 30,000 place names of the United States.

For a dozen years or more I have been at work on a similar list for California and Nevada, but have not been able to give enough time to it to make it as yet anywhere near complete. I try to give the use of each name, the authority, and reference to the first place of publication.

Such a list as yours would be of much service to the National Geographic Board, and we should of course be very glad to possess it, but unfortunately the Board has absolutely no funds, not even a driblet to admit of the employment of a secretary or clerk.

I should be glad to see one or two of your cards in order to know the form you use.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 16, 1921

Major E. A. Goldman,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Major Goldman:

The title of the book you inquired about over the phone yesterday is 'The King of the Olympics' by E. B. Webster. It appears to have been published by Webster himself in his home town Port Angeles, Washington.

Hoping to see you in the near future, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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November 16, 1921

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President.
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Many thanks for the map of Asia and the picture of 'The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes', which reached me on my recent return from California.

I am obliged also for your kind offer of copies of photographs hanging on the walls of the Society's buildings. I may be very glad to avail myself of this privilege in the case of one or two prints later on.

It is encouraging to note that the Society's financial condition warrants a reduction of the dues for next year to $3. If in 1922 you can produce a magazine equal to the series of 1921, you surely will have accomplished something very remarkable.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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November 16, 1921

Treasurer,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am handing you my check for $6 in payment of annual dues for 1922 for myself and also for Pompeo Martinelli of Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif. (both renewals).

Kindly send receipts to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG
Enclosure

November 16, 1921

Mr. Asahel Curtis,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Curtis:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst., respecting the application of the name Lone Peak to a prominent elevation in the Tatoosh Range:

The matter was brought to the attention of the U.S. Geographic Board at its last meeting, and the name was adopted as recommended.

I am obliged for the beautiful photographs which you have sent.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 16, 1921

Mr. L. W. De Geat,
Secretary, Y. M. C. A.,
1736 G Street,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your polite request for a lecture, would say that I shall be so extremely busy before returning to California that I fear it will be impracticable to prepare the lecture you desire. I have colored slides that I have used in talks on the Indians of California, the Indians of the Yosemite region, and the meaning of the coloration of animals, but it would take some time to select and arrange any of these and to assemble my notes on the subject.

Regretting, therefore, that it seems impracticable to comply with your request,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 16, 1921

Mr. Harry Stanford,
Kalispell, Montana.

My dear Sir:

Since returning from California I have heard from James L. Clark about the artificial teeth for dummy bear skulls. He still supplies them, though at a very long price ($10 per set).

In spite of the price I think I will order sets for your skulls, provided the skulls are adult bears. Will you kindly let me know about this, and also give me the length of the molar or cheek teeth in each case, so that I can get them of the right size.

Perhaps it would be better for you to ship the skulls to me here so that I can attend to the matter myself. If you are willing to do this, please pack carefully and address the box: U.S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 16, 1921

Mr. James L. Clark,
1160 South Boulevard,
Bronx, New York City.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thanks for your letter of October 28, which I found on my return from California. I am glad to know that you can still supply bear teeth for dummy heads. Will you kindly give me the measurement of the length of molar series in each of the sizes which you make so that I may know which to order.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 17, 1921

Prof. Henry H. Donaldson,
Wistar Institute,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Professor Donaldson:

Pardon my delay in replying to your inquiry of the 10th inst. Since my return from California, most of my file cases have been inaccessible, owing to the necessity of moving my office before leaving for California last spring. Last night I succeeded in readjusting most of the cases, and today have located and picked out my principal papers on the geographic distribution of animals and plants, copies of which are mailed to you herewith under separate cover.

I infer from your letter that the paper you have in mind is the one entitled 'Laws of Temperature Control of the Geographic Distribution of Terrestrial Animals and Plants' published in the National Geographic Magazine, Vol. 6, pp. 229 to 238, December 1894. This paper was illustrated by three colored maps of the life zones. A later map appears as frontispiece in 'Life Zones and Crop Zones of the United States', 1898. Of this, a revised edition was issued a few years ago, but at the moment I am unable to put my hand on a copy. If you care for it, I can doubtless send it to you later.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 17, 1921

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Since writing you a week or so ago, I have been laid up with an attack of grippe, from which I am now nearly recovered. I apologize for not having sent the negative and enlarged print which I wrote you I would send the following day. It goes to you registered herewith.

Thanks for your latest poem. Part of it needs an interpreter, for you sometimes speak in parables. You know I was raised in the country, and things have to be made very plain to me or they don't always sink in.

Yesterday and last night, with the assistance of a colored woman, two or three white women, and two colored men, I succeeded in getting most of the file cases in my garage and basement arranged so that I can get at them--for the first time since last May.

The enclosed letter has just been returned to me from Lagunitas. The envelope will explain.

With kindest regards to Mrs. H. and best wishes for your continued success,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG
Encl.

Dr. J. P. Harrington,
Burnt Ranch, Calif.,
via Eureka & Korbell

November 18, 1921

Mr. H. E. Anthony,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Very many thanks for the batch of your papers just received on South American mammals and Indians, and also for your entertaining article entitled 'Over Trail and through Jungle in Ecuador'. I wish to thank you also for sending me two copies of each paper, so that I may file one under your name and one under the geographic region to which it pertains.

You are to be congratulated on the permanent value of your contributions.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 18, 1921

Mr. Herbert F. Schwarz,
Editor, Natural History,
Am. Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Schwarz:

Your letter of yesterday with accompanying proof of my article entitled 'The Unforeseen in Indian Vocabulary Work' has just reached me, for which I am obliged.

In compliance with your request, I have cut out enough words to shorten the article by six lines in order that it may better fit the page. If I have not cut quite enough, you may omit the foot-note, which is not important.

The proof is returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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November 22, 1921

Dear Arch & Angie:

You may have wondered what has become of the Merriam family. We arrived on time in two installments from Chicago, and succeeded in opening and cleaning the house with no more serious consequences than an attack of dust grippe for the Old Man.

We have had wonderful weather for the time of year, and last week the thermometer reached the unprecedented height of 80° at 3 o'clock one afternoon.

Elizabeth has moved her trunks and other duffle out of the front room of the basement, and I have moved into the same about 14 vertical file-cases and a few other things, thereby relieving the central part of the garage so that it is now possible to get at the fronts of the remaining cases--for the first time since last May.

Zenaida attended the burial ceremony for the Unknown Soldier at Arlington and heard the President's address. I did not try to go, but did go to the opening session of the Disarmament Conference, having been fortunate enough to receive an invitation with reserved seat card from the Secretary of State. So I heard the addresses of the President and Mr. Hughes, and also of Briand and others. It was a truly momentous occasion.

How are you two getting on all by your lonesomes at Hilltop? And do you still hold the same office in the Mills Building?

Mrs. M. and Z. join in love.

As ever,

Mr. & Mrs. Arch. M. Gilbert
Mill Valley, Calif.

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November 22, 1921

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Since our return we have been much to busy to write. The dust from housecleaning gave me my usual fall attack of grippe, from which fortunately I have now recovered.

The weather has been uncommonly mild for this time of year, and last week the thermometer reached the unprecedented height of 80°.

Elizabeth moved her trunks and other truck out of our basement front room and I have already filled two sides of the room with steel vertical file-cases moved from the garage. This is only a small part of the reconstruction work necessary, but is enough to enable me to get at the fronts of the various cases so I can put things where they belong--which has not been possible since last May.

I was lucky enough to receive an invitation to the opening session of the Disarmament Conference, and heard every word of the splendid addresses of President Harding and Mr. Hughes, and also heard Briand and several others.

All the vocabularies, maps, and other material shipped from California arrived duly, and are being copied or otherwise attended to. Am making good progress, but naturally suffer many interruptions.

Elizabeth and Zenaida join me in love to you all.

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stevens,
1250 Bay Street, Alameda, Calif.

November 22, 1921

Dear Mr. Harrington:

The long-looked-for little box of plants mentioned in your letter of October 24 has just arrived. It contains three species of plants instead of two.

The leaf of the one described by you as heart-shaped has gone to pieces to such an extent that it is difficult of identification. It appears however to be Achlys triphylla, the common name of which is Sweet-after-death, referring to the circumstance that it has little or no oder when fresh, but develops a delicate perfume when dried. If you will send me an entire leaf, wrapped in newspaper, I can tell positively.

Of the other two plants, wintergreenlike one with the mottled or pale-veined thickish leaves and stems bearing small reddish-brown whirls of seed capsules is Pyrola picta, otherwise known as Painted Wintergreen or Veined Shin-leaf.

The third plant, the bush with the thin leaves and red berries, is Euonymus occidentalis, commonly called Wahoo or Burning Bush. It usually grows in springy places or along the borders of cool streams.

In sending plants in future, it is best not to try to send them green, but to dry them between papers. They are then easily identified, provided there is enough to go by. It is not necessary to press them. If they are rolled in dry newspaper, they generally may be identified.

J.P.H.--2

Your Ko-chum also has arrived. It is an inguinal gland, and I think has a French name, but at present I cannot put my eye on the name.

The so-called worm that came in the same package is a myriapod or milliped of the family Julidae. It is related to the centipedes but has shorter legs. The one you sent is common in and under rotten logs.

Your letter of October 28 has been forwarded from Lagunitas. In it you tell me about learning that the Chemareko territory extended up Trinity River as far as 13 miles above the mouth of North Fork. This puts their eastern boundary too far east unless measured by a very circuitous route, for Canyon Creek was the intertribal boundary between the Chemareko and Wintu. North Fork Trinity lay wholly within Chemareko territory. But I wish you could find out whether the Chemareko or the Nor-rel-muk held the country on the south side of Trinity from Big Bar and Price Creek easterly to Trinity River in the neighborhood of Junction. We know that they occupied the north side, but are not sure whether the Chemareko-Nor-rel-muk intertribal boundary was Trinity River itself or the divide four or five miles south of Trinity separating the streams flowing northerly into Trinity and those flowing southerly into Hay Fork. Trinity River from a mile or two above Junction to Dutch Creek has a general SSE course, hence if your information that the Chemareko reached the mouth of Soldier Creek is correct, it would naturally follow that they held the south side of Trinity, thence westerly, thus covering the courses of Eagle Creek and Sailor and Big Bar creeks. We know definitely that they held the

south side of Trinity from Cedar Flat easterly to Big Bar.

I am interested and surprised to know that Mrs. H. has given you names for eight different kinds of Indian potatoes. This makes it of utmost importance to secure specimens of each species. The common Indian potato of most parts of northern California is a species of Brodiaea, but certain species of Camas and also certain umbellifers are popularly known as "wild potatoes" or Indian potatoes.

William Noble's wife's mother is a Ko-no-ma-ho— the tribe called Hoo-nom-nich-hoo by the Chemareko.

It is splendid that you are getting so much material.

By the way, I have recently glanced at Dixon's paper, and find that some of the words recorded as Chemareko belong to other languages. Two of his informants spoke other languages. I suspect that you have already discovered this.

Thanks for the song poem.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

Dr. J. P. Harrington,
Burnt Ranch, Calif.
Via Eureka & Korbel.

November 23, 1921

Mr. Carl Langford,
Somesbar, Calif.

Dear Mr. Langford:

I promised to send you the address of the single-roll map rack mentioned during my visit last fall. The address is: Chas. S. Jenkins, Lansdale, Penn.

If not too much trouble, will you or Mrs. Langford kindly phone Mrs. Grant at Butler Flat and ask her about the names of a couple of former villages on the east side of Salmon River between Morehouse Creek and Crapo Creek. If I understood her correctly there were three villages along this part of the river, one just above (south of) the mouth of Morehouse Creek, one at the Bloomer Mine dump, the third just below the mouth of Crapo Creek. The name of this latter I got as Is-se-puf-chup. The other two I am not sure about. One of them was called Tis-kum, the other I did not get the name of. Is Tis-kum the one just above the mouth of Morehouse Creek, or is it the one near Bloomer Mine, and what is the name of the one I did not get?

With kindest regards to yourself, Mrs. Langford, and the dear little children,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 23, 1921

Dear Professor Cattell:

What has become of the separates of my article on the California Elk Drive of 1904, which appeared in the November number of 'Science Monthly'? I am anxious to distribute them as early as may be.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Prof. J. McK. Cattell,
Garrison-on-Hudson,
New York

P.S. Until May next please change the address of my copy of 'Scientific Monthly' to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C., instead of Lagunitas, Calif.

November 22, 1921

Prof. Henry H. Donaldson,
Wistar Institute,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Professor Donaldson:

By this mail I am sending you revised edition of my zone map--the one referred to in my letter of the 17th. There was no text with this other than what is printed on the map itself. A still later edition of the map (much larger scale) was delivered by me to the Biological Survey several years ago, but has not yet been published, owing to the congestion and shortage of funds during and subsequent to the War.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

P.S. My first publication on the distribution of life of North America appeared in 'Results of a Biological Survey of the San Francisco Mountain Region, Arizona', North American Fauna No. 3, 1890, illustrated by colored maps. My 'Results of a Biological Survey of Mt. Shasta, Calif.', N. Am. Fauna No. 16, 1899, contains a discussion of distribution of animals and plants in the Sierra and Cascade systems. If you don't happen to have these Faunas and care for them, I think I can send you copies.

November 23, 1921

Mr. Tracy I. Storer,
Museum of Vertebrate Zoology,
University of California.

Dear Mr. Storer:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst. just received, would say that Grizzly Bears were formerly well known inhabitants of Yosemite Valley. Have you looked in Hutchings' 'Guide to Yosemite' and 'Scenes of Wonder' and the publications of John Muir and Galen Clark?

Some of the old Indians of the valley were noted Grizzly hunters, particularly men from the village of Haw-kaw-koi, which occupied the ground where Sentinel Hotel and cottages now stand. This village was the home of the Yo-ham-i-te band, named from the Grizzly Bear O-hod-mă-te (sometimes spoken O-ham-mă-te).

In driving in and out of the valley you have doubtless noticed a rock archway through which the road passes. Indians armed with spears and bows and arrows used to hunt Grizzlies from the top of this rock.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 23, 1921

Dr. Neil M. Judd, Vice President,
Anthropological Society of Washington,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Judd:

I quite agree with you that it will be well worth while to give a meeting or part of a meeting (according to the time needed) to an illustrated talk by Wilson Popenoe on 'Regional Designs in Guatemalan Weavings'.

I should assume also that Dr. Hrdlicka would naturally be the speaker at our next meeting, as he was unable to be present as announced at the last meeting.

But your reference of these program matters to me astonishes me. I never supposed that the President had anything to do with the program. In all the other scientific societies to which I belong there is a special provision for the meetings, usually a definite committee on program. As the matter has never been brought to my attention before, and I have not been consulted in any way as to the program, I assumed of course that I had nothing whatever to do with it. If the Society has no committee on program, I would suggest that the Vice President and Secretary be constituted as such a committee.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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November 25, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have again engaged Miss Manie Gandy as stenographer and general assistant, and expect her to continue with me until I leave for California in the early spring. She began work on the morning of November 16, and her salary will be at the rate of $150 per month. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send her pay-checks to 1919 Sixteenth Street, this city, until further notice.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 26, 1921

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli,
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Enclosed is the receipt for the magazine and your membership in the National Geographic Society for the year 1922, and also the receipt for last year which I forgot to send you. You will notice that the dues have been reduced this year from $3.50 to $3. I shall therefore owe you 50 cents at the end of the year, to be added to your account.

We have had a very open winter so far, with only a moderate amount of rain and no very cold weather. How are things at Lagunitas? We trust that you are all well and having a good season.

With best wishes from us all to all of you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 26, 1921

Mrs. P. L. Young,
Orleans, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Young:

By this mail I am sending you a few small publications about some of the Indians of California. While not relating specifically to the Klamath country, I thought they might contain something of interest to you.

I often remember with pleasure and satisfaction the days spent in your interesting home and hope that I may be able to bring Mrs. Merriam and my daughter there next season.

We came home earlier than usual because of the threatened railroad strike, and I am now busy on the results of the summer's work.

We are having an unusually open winter for this region and hope it will continue.

With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

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November 26, 1921

Mr. F. T. Cuthbert,
Solar Refining Company,
Lima, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. has just arrived, and I am forwarding it to Dr. J. Walter Fewkes, Director of the Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution. He doubtless will write to Dr. Bice.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

November 28, 1921

Mr. D. Jenness, Editor,
Canadian Field Naturalist,
Victoria Memorial Museum,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Returning from California recently I am glad to find several numbers of the 'Canadian Field Naturalist', but I find only one copy each. This reminds me that my subscription has doubtless expired. I like to have two copies, one to cut up, the other for the regular file of the magazine. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will enter my subscription for the additional copy for two years, for which I am enclosing herewith my check for $3.30. The 30 cents may not be sufficient to cover postage. If not, let me know and I will remit.

With best wishes for the success of your excellent journal,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 28, 1921

Mr. W. L. McAtee,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear McAtee:

Very many thanks for your kindness and promptness in complying with my request for a copy of your paper on the 'Selection of Family Names in Zoology'.

You have been good enough to send also another paper, on 'The "One Letter" Rule for Generic Names', which interests me much more than the paper on family names. From my point of view you have hit the nail on the head and hit it hard. I agree unqualifiedly with your point of view. In fact, I think I have preached this viewpoint for something like 35 years. Several of your expressions are peculiarly apt and I have greatly enjoyed reading the article. Incidentally, I might add that nowadays I read mighty few articles.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

November 30, 1921

Mr. Ansel F. Hall,
Yosemite, Calif.

My dear Mr. Hall:

Very many thanks for your 'Handbook of Yosemite National Park' which arrived this afternoon. In looking through it hastily I see that it is excellently done as a piece of book-making and beautifully illustrated; while the names of the authors speak for its authenticity and usefulness. I shall read much of it with interest, and I am sure with profit also, and wish to congratulate you on being the parent of so handsome and so useful a book. I trust it will prove a financial success.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

November 30, 1921

Mr. H. E. Anthony,
Am. Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Dr. Hartley H. T. Jackson of the Biological Survey tells me that he is endeavoring to start a memorial fund under the American Society of Mammalogists in honor of the late Dr. J. A. Allen of your Museum. It strikes me that such a fund would be productive of excellent results, and would be a means of keeping Dr. Allen's name fresh in the minds of the younger naturalists, some of whom have a tendency to forget the splendid work of their predecessors.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

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December 1, 1921

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Your new map of South America, which you have been good enough to send me, is most welcome. It is remarkably clear and graphic, and the colors are so well chosen that it makes a harmonious whole. It will be very useful to me in my work, and I thank you for sending it.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

December 2, 1921

Mr. F. K. Vreeland,
90 West Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Vreeland:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th inst. recently received. Until its receipt I did not know that you had sent us another Bear skull.

On going to the Bear headquarters in the Museum yesterday for the first time since my return from California, I found the skull of which you speak, killed by Indians near Lake Clark. Skulls from this region are scarce in our collection, and I am very glad to have this fine adult. Doubtless you paid good money for it. If you will kindly let me know how much, I shall be glad to remit, with additional thanks for your kindness in securing it for us.

I congratulate you on the fine trip you made last summer. It must have been full of interest. Did you hear anything about Big Bears on the Mulchatna?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG C. Hart Merriam

December 2, 1921

Mr. W. A. Shields,
Seldovia, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

On returning from field-work in California recently, I find that the two Bear skulls shipped by you in July last have been received at the Biological Survey. A check of $10 in payment will be sent you by the Smithsonian in a few days.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG C. Hart Merriam

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December 2, 1921

Mr. Chas. H. McNeil,

Ridgway, Colorado.

My dear Sir:

On returning from California recently, I have been requested by the Biological Survey to settle with you for two skulls of Bears received from you on October 4, and six additional skulls received November 10. The first shipment contains a female young-adult and female cub; the second, a very small cub and its mother, one two-year-old female cub, one young-adult female, one female in the fourth year, and one good-adult male; for which I credit your account $36, a check for which will be sent you at Ridgway from my account in the Smithsonian Institution within a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

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December 2, 1921

Mr. John Murgatroyd,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On returning from California recently, I find that the skull of a large Bear shipped by you was received at the Biological Survey on July 6. There was no tag attached, or any writing to indicate where the Bear was killed or at whose instance it was sent. There is an indistinct pencil mark on one side of the skull which is either a 14 or a 17--I am not sure which. If you will kindly let me know who killed the Bear or who asked you to ship it, I shall be very much obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

December 2, 1921

Mr. Oscar T. Landry,
Bella Coola, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 21 reached me shortly after my return to Washington, and the three skulls referred to have now arrived. Unfortunately, two of these have the condyles chopped off from the back of the skull, a serious injury. I assume that these Bears were killed during the present fall, but no date is given. A check for $13 will be sent you in a few days from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

December 2, 1921

Mr. Fred J. Roehl,
Iliamna, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The skull mentioned in your letter of September 25 reached the Biological Survey. It is a female, not a male, and has a bullet hole over the left eye. A check of $5 in payment will be sent you in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

December 2, 1921

Capt. A. B. Conover,
Telegraph Creek, B. C.

Dear Sir:

On returning to Washington from my season's field work in California, I find the Grizzly skull shipped by you on June 8. It is a young-adult, for which a check of $7 will be sent you in a few days.

The previous shipment mentioned by you was received on May 19 and a check of $32 in payment was sent you early in June.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

December 2, 1921

Mr. Fred Phillips,
Iliamna, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Bear skull mentioned in your letter of April 27 has recently arrived. I notice that you speak of this Bear as an "8 year old male." It is not more than 5 years at most, and appears to be a female, not a male. A check of $5 in payment will be sent you in a few days.

The skulls mentioned in your letter of September 10 have not arrived, and may not come for some time.

There is another thing I do not understand: Along with your shipment which arrived on November 4 were three skulls credited to J. D. Kinney. We have had no letter from Kinney, and there is no mention of any such skulls in any letter received from you, so I am at a loss to know what to do about them.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

December 6, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am transmitting my expense account for the month of November, amounting to $75.56, together with some Bear skull vouchers, and a bill of $97.50 for planographing 50 copies of my 75-page vocabulary blank; also a bill for typewriter ribbon coupon book.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

Columbia Planograph Co.:	
50 copies blank vocabularies	$97.50
Underwood Typewriter Co.:	
Typewriter ribbon coupon book	5.00
Bear Skulls:	
A.B.Conover (1 skull)	7.00
W.E.Duryea (1 skull)	6.00
O.T.Landry (3 skulls)	13.00
C.H.McNeil (8 ")	36.00
Fred Phillips (1 skull)	5.00
F.J.Roehl (1 skull)	5.00
W.A.Shields (2 skulls)	10.00
J.W.Scollick, cleaning 23 Bear skulls	11.50

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR NOVEMBER 1921

1921 Nov.		Subvoucher No.	
14	R. P. Andrews, Cico paste $1.50; paper clips .30	1	1 80
16	For services 2 men, moving steel file cases	2	5 00
18	Erasers and pencils		50
18	Franz Boas, Vol. 1, No. 4, International Jour. Am. Linguistics	3	1 50
22	Thos. E. Landon, labor and material for cement-plastering basement to be used for office file-room	4	47 30
28	Virginia Paper Co., 1 ream blue paper	5	2 00
	Subscription to Canadian Field Naturalist, 2 yrs.		3 30
13-30	Car tokens & Bus tickets for assistants		75
	Stamps, stamped envelopes, & postage		3 41
30	Charwoman: Fall housecleaning office rooms $5; cleaning office rooms during November $5	6	10 00
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C. Hart Merriam
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December 6, 1921

Dear Doctor Walcott:

The letter you sent me from Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn is herewith returned. Professor Osborn complains that membership in the zoological section of the National Academy is badly balanced, and is each year becoming worse. I quite agree with this point of view, but don't know any practicable way to remedy it, as it is a matter of votes in the committee. The committee, as you well know, is made up mainly of college professors who glorify the work of section cutters and cytologists, but have little use for naturalists.

After nominating real naturalists for several years, and finding that they receive only two or three votes in the committee, I came to the conclusion that the matter was hopeless and have lost interest in the committee.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Charles D. Walcott, President,
National Academy of Sciences,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure

December 6, 1921

Prof. F. H. Newell,
Reclamation Service, Dept. of Interior,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Newell:

When still engaged in field-work in California I had a letter from you inquiring about a letter from Dr. George Bird Grinnell on the nomenclature of the St. Marys Lakes in Glacier National Park. On returning to Washington I was unable to find Grinnell's letter in my file, but today I have seen it. It is in the files of the U.S. Geographic Board in the office of Charles S. Sloane, Secretary.

The point Grinnell makes is that the lower of the two lakes now known as Upper and Lower St. Marys, was seen and named by Doty in 1854. Doty called it Chief Mountain Lake, and personally I should be glad to see this name restored.

Grinnell refers to Doty's report in the Pacific Railroad Reports Vol. I, pp. 548-549. An article on the subject was published by Grinnell in 'Science' of August 12, 1892, pp. 85-86.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

December 6, 1921

Editor, Washington Star,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Several hundred good Californians are subscribers to the 'Star'. Why offend them by the use of the odious nickname 'Frisco' when you mean the city of San Francisco?

Inasmuch as you nearly always use 'Calif.' for the name of the state instead of the abominable 'Cal.' (standing for calamity, calomel, and other unpleasant things), why not carry the reform a little farther and print the proper name for our principal city on the Pacific Coast?

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

December 7, 1921

Major E. A. Goldman,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Goldman:

In looking over the Bear skulls that came during my absence last summer, I find several shipments from men unknown to me and concerning which no letters have been received by me. The men referred to are: H. W. Johnston, Unalakleet, Alaska; Howard L. Long, Seward, Alaska; J. H. Stadler from some place in Montana. Do you know anything about these men?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

December 6, 1921

The Anderson Galleries,
Park Avenue & 59th Street,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to my recent request for a copy of your important catalogue entitled 'The West, Its History and Romance' (Sale No. 1604), I received the enclosed slip, but unfortunately the catalogue has not arrived. Its permanent value is so great that I am anxious to secure a copy for my California file, and shall appreciate the favor if you will kindly have one mailed to the above address. If it is for sale I shall be glad to remit.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

Enclosure

December 6, 1921

Postmaster,
Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Recently several pieces of mail matter addressed to me at the Department of Agriculture have been readdressed to the Northumberland Apartments, which has never been my mailing address. My address is 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C., the same as for the last 36 years.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

December 12, 1921

H. S. Crocker Co.
571 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I am enclosing herewith my check for three dollars on the Crocker National Bank, for which please send me at my Washington address. Asa Fairfield's History of Lassen County, published by you in 1916.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 12, 1921

Mr. Will G. Steel,
Eugene, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Steel:

This is merely an acknowledgment of the receipt of your letter and sample cards, which I have turned over to the Executive Committee of the Government Geographic Board. You will hear from the matter later.

For many years, in fact long before the death of Henry Gannett, who was then Chairman of the Board, it has been the aim and hope of the Board to prepare a complete Historical Geographic Gazetteer of the United States, but up to the present time no appropriation for the purpose has been made by Congress. In fact, there never has been any appropriation for ordinary clerk hire, the only available moneys being that required for the publication of the periodical reports.

You will see from this that the Board hails with joy the preparation of material toward the end in view.

In glancing over your cards, it occurs to me that you lack a number of reliable sources of information, in some cases quoting incorrect meanings. And in the matter of references you usually give either the author, the title, or the date, but rarely all three.

It is good to know that you have already made such progress toward the preparation of so important a work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

December 16, 1921

Mr. Enos Mills,
Longs Peak,
Colorado.

Dear Mr. Mills:

The matter of the name of a locality in your region, designated Bartholf Park, has recently been brought before the Government Geographic Board. The Board has been requested to change the name from Bartholf Park to Glacier Basin. Will you kindly favor the Board with your preference in the matter, or is one name more comprehensive than the other? Are any real glaciers still existing in the region?

Do you know whether Bartholf, for whom the park was named, is still living?

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

December 16, 1921

Mr. Will C. Barnes,
U.S. Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Has the Forest Service published any new editions of the Klamath, Trinity, or California National Forest maps?

Referring again to some of the errors on the Trinity Forest sheet, which I discussed with you last spring, I have recently noticed the following:

The name Browns Creek is printed on two streams flowing into Trinity River at or near Douglas City, from both sides of the river—one flowing south, the other north; while, as a matter of fact, Browns Creek is the one shown east of Weaverville, flowing south.

The name Reddings Creek is printed on the map as a tributary to the Browns Creek which flows north to Douglas City. But the Forest Service people at Weaverville told me that the name Redding Creek belongs to the main stream resulting from the union of Browns Creek and Weaver Creek south of Weaverville, and flowing into the Trinity from the south a little above Douglas.

The South Fork of Hay Fork is erroneously labeled South Fork Trinity River.

Barker Mountain, nearly due east of Hay Fork Bolly, is spelled on the map Baker Mountain.

Some of the mountains on the 1920 sheet bear different names from those given on the earlier edition, and some are differently located.

Is the Forest Service contemplating the publication of a map adjoining the Trinity Forest map on the south that will extend far enough west to show the coast line?

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

DEC.
November 16, 1921

Prof. J. McK. Cattell,
Editor, Scientific Monthly,
Garrison-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Dear Professor Cattell:

I have not heard from you in reply to my letter of November 23 asking what had become of the separates requested of my article on 'A California Elk Drive' published in the November number of 'Scientific Monthly'. I am receiving requests for separates of this article, and am anxious to distribute them before the end of the current year. Can you push the proper button?

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

December 16, 1921

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Very many thanks for the bound volumes of the Geographic Magazine for 1921, which I shall take much pleasure in adding to my Lagunitas Library, as in the case of previous volumes.

I quite agree with you that these volumes are notable for the interest and value of their contributions and illustrations. I wish to congratulate you also on the admirable maps you have published during the year. Those of Asia and South America will prove helpful to every intelligent American. Personally, I am delighted with the South American map, as I think I wrote you a short time ago.

Please have my address corrected from the Northumberland (which I left last May) to 1919 Sixteenth Street. Both of your communications and the one from Mr. Austin were sent to the Northumberland.

I greatly regret that I was unable to be present at the recent meeting.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

December 16, 1921

Dr. C. C. Adams,
College of Forestry,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Adams:

My delay in replying to your request of November 23 is due to an unfulfilled hope that separates of my article entitled 'A California Elk Drive' would arrive. I have twice written Professor Cattell about them, but have had no reply. As soon as they come, I shall take pleasure in sending you the two copies you wish.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

December 16, 1921

Mr. Homer E. Sargent,
222 Arroyo Terrace,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sargent:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. has been forwarded to me here. Owing to the threatened railway strike and one or two other matters, we returned to Washington earlier than expected. This deprives me for the time being of the pleasure of accepting your kind invitation.

I expect to return to California in the early spring, and if you are then at home, and will allow me the privilege, I shall be most happy to pay you a visit.

Thanking you for your kindness, and with best regards from Mrs. Merriam and myself to yourself and Mrs. Sargent,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

December 16, 1921

Smith Book Company,
916 Union Central Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

If you still have them in stock, please send me the following periodicals mentioned in your Bulletin 3:

American Journal of Folk Lore, Vols. 9, 10, 12. (at $1.50 each) $4.50

On receipt of same with bill I will remit.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

December 16, 1921

Mr. Wm. H. Murray,
Box 22, Station A,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for recent special list of books and pamphlets. From this list I shall be obliged if you will send me

106. Life Among the Modocs by J. Miller, Hartford 1874 $1.0

109. Personal Memoirs of a Residence of 30 Years with the Indian Tribes on the American Frontier, 1812-42 by H. R. Schoolcraft, Philadelphia 1851 3.(

Check for $4 is enclosed herewith. Please address package, with receipt, to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

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December 16, 1921

Powner's Book Store,
177 W. Madison Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your Catalogue No. 19 of Unusual Books. If you still have same in stock, please send me with bill the following:

53. The Californian (a western monthly magazine), Vols. 1 to 6, published in San Francisco 1880-1882. $7.50

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

December 17, 1921

Mr. Ernest T. Seton,
Greenwich, Conn.

Dear Seton:

Your letter about the Bears has just arrived, and I have read over and am returning herewith your statement concerning the Big Bears in general and your classification of them into four groups. In connection with this scheme, it is not quite clear to me what disposition you make of the Grizzlies of California, from the giant Ursus magister of the mountains of extreme Southern California northward to British Columbia; or what you do with the Grizzlies of the Great Plains; unless you include California and the Plains as parts of the Rocky Mountains--rather a stretch from the geographic standpoint.

I suppose you include the Great Kadiak Bear with "the Giant Fish Bears of the southwestern peninsulas of Alaska". In this case, what has become of the remarkably distinct U. sheldoni of Montague Island and the huge Brown Bear of Yakutat Bay.

Can you give me any characters by which to separate the Bears of your third and fourth groups, namely the Brown Bears of southeastern Alaska, from the Giant Fish Bears of the western peninsulas of Alaska?

Your term "Cave-bear" strikes me as most objectionable, for the double reason that this term is already definitely applied to a group of extinct Bears in Eurasia, with which this Bear has no affinities, and also because there is no reason to

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believe that it is in any sense, ancient or modern, a Cave-bear.

I quite agree with you that it would be foolish to attempt to write a life history for each species, and that the smaller the number of categories the better. The difficulty is to squeeze into your classification, with geographic limitations as given, a number of mighty interesting outlyers.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

Mr. F. K. Vreeland,
90 West Street,
New York City.

December 19, 1921

Dear Mr. Vreeland:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th inst., and for your kindness in presenting your Bear skull from the Lake Clark region to the National Collection.

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I am obliged for the details in your letter.

With best wishes and compliments of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

December 19, 1921

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Denver, Colorado.

Dear Colonel McGuire:

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December 19, 1921

Professor Henry H. Donaldson,
Wistar Institute,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Professor Donaldson:

Pardon my delay in sending you copies of North American Fauna Nos. 3 and 16, containing articles on the distribution of animals and plants in the San Francisco Mountain region, Arizona, and the Sierra-Cascade system in California and Oregon. Copies go to you by this mail.

Trusting that you have recovered from your cold, and with compliments of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

No 16 — — — = [illegible])

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December 21, 1921

Frederick A. Stokes Co.,Publishers,
New York City.

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will send me, with bill for the same, one copy each of Grinnell's 'Jack the Young Explorer' and 'Jack the Young Cowboy'; and two copies each of 'Jack the Young Ranchman' and 'Jack among the Indians.'

Please address package to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

December 21, 1921

Major E. A. Goldman,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Goldman:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th inst. telling me about H. W. Johnston of Unalakleet and promising to let me know later about Howard L. Long of Seward.

I regret that I cannot comply with your request for a copy of my article on Big Bear skulls published in 'Outdoor Life', for the reason that I have not received a single extra magazine containing this article. If any are sent me, I shall, of course, be glad to give you one at once.

With best wishes, and greetings of the season,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

A man by the name of Grant Humes writes that he has sent me the skull of a Wolf from the Olympic Mountains. Has it been received?

December 27, 1921

Mr. A. C. McCain,
Forest Supervisor,
Jackson, Wyoming.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 19th inst., telling me about the discovery of a Buffalo leg imbedded in the trunk of a Douglas Fir tree at an elevation of 27 feet above the ground. I suppose it is safe to assume that the leg was placed in the trunk of the tree by some Indian or hunter at the time you mention--about 50 or 55 years ago.

The note is of interest and I would suggest that you send it to 'American Forestry' for the benefit of its numerous readers.

Thanking you for writing me,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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December 27, 1921

Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

The enclosed letter from Hon. John W. Weeks, Secretary of War, arrived this morning. As you will see, he states that Lieut-Col. Guy S. Norvell, General Staff, "is hereby appointed" as War Department representative of the U.S. Geographic Board. Are not these appointments always made by the President?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG
Encl.

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

December 27, 1921

Mr. Daniel R. Cowhill,
154 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your list No. 164 of books and pamphlets relative to the Gulf States, and will be obliged if you will send me the following:

49.	Speech in the House on cession of laws and treaties in favor of Indian Tribes, Feb. 14, 21, 1831, by Edward Everett	$1.00
72.	Indian Rights and our Duties, Moses Humphrey, Amherst 1830	1.00
122.	The Cherokee Indians by Thos. V. Parker, 1907	1.00
140.	Henry E. Storrs Speech in the House on Seminole War, Jan. 27, 1819	1.00
144	Prelim. Dyreaus's Speech on Removal of Indians and claim of Georgia to territory of the Cherokees, April 16, 1830	1.00

Please forward with bill to 1919 Sixteenth Street.

Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

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154 Nassau Street,
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Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

CHA:MG

Retake of Preceding Frame

January 3, 1921

Dr. T. S. Palmer,
Secretary, A. O. U.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Palmer:

In digging over some of my old papers recently I came across the enclosed letter from Sage accompanied by the printed page of which he speaks, from the suppressed number of the 'Oologist' for November 1883. It is, as you will observe, an editorial written by John M. Wade, Editor of the 'Oologist'.

It might be worth filing in the archives of the Union.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 4, 1921

Mr. Grant W. Humes,
Harrisville,
Lewis County,
New York.

My dear Mr. Humes:

Very many thanks for your letter of December 19. It seems strange to find you in Lewis County, New York, so near my old home.

The Wolf skull which you were good enough to have forwarded to me has just arrived, as I learned over the telephone from the Museum. I have not yet seen it, but shall examine it in a day or two with great interest.

During the coming field season I expect to continue field work in California, but the next time I go north I hope to avail myself of your kind invitation to visit you at your home in the Olympic Mountains.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 4, 1921

Mr. Will C. Barnes,
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Last spring you were good enough to transmit to the Forest Rangers in the west my request for information as to the present status of the Grizzly Bear in the states in which they still occur. In reply you said that the information desired would be contained in reports transmitted about the end of the year.

I am very anxious to obtain this information as early as may be, and would greatly appreciate your courtesy in the matter if you will put me in possession the necessary data.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 4, 1921

John Murgatroyd, Esq.,
128 St. James Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of December 29 giving me the information asked for concerning the Big Bear skull shipped to me at the Biological Survey last July. I am very glad to know that it came from Mr. Mallinkrodt, as this enables me to identify and label it properly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 4, 1921

Mr. G. H. Lantz,
Acting Chief Engineer,
Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of December 20 in reply to my inquiry about Forest Service maps of northern California.

I shall be very glad to receive copies of the Trinity and California maps of 1920 and the Klamath map of 1921.

When new editions of any of these maps are in course of preparation, I can probably give you a number of corrections if you will drop me a line in time.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG C. Hart Merriam -

January 4, 1921

Mr. Carl Langford,

Somes Bar, Calif.

My dear Mr. Langford:

Very many thanks for your kindness in giving me the asked for information about the location of Tiskum or Tis-kum-nok-kee. Please thank Mrs. Hugh Grant for furnishing the correct location. In case she ever remembers the name of the old village at the mouth of Morehouse Creek, I shall be very thankful if you will let me know what it is.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Langford, yourself, and the children,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG C. Hart Merriam -

January 4, 1921

Mrs. Harriet H. Williams,
318 Highland Road,
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Williams:

Your note enclosing a letter addressed to your daughter Mrs. E. Clifford Williams came more than a month ago, since which time another letter addressed to her has arrived. But she has not put in an appearance, and I do not know where or how to reach her. Hence I am holding these communications pending instructions.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 4, 1922

Mr. H. H. Pittman,
Hartney,
Manitoba,
Canada.

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Thanks for the 8 photographs of a Pocket Gopher received a short time ago. I am returning 5 of the prints herewith, retaining 3. Those retained are Nos. 1574, 1575, and 1586, for which my check of $6 is enclosed.

The species photographed is the Northern Pocket Gopher, Thomomys talpoides. The larger species mentioned by you would appear from your description to be Geomys bursarius, but I have no record of its occurrence so far north. It is common however in the northern part of North Dakota. You can always tell the two genera apart by the circumstance that the upper front teeth of Geomys are deeply grooved, while those of Thomomys are flat or marked only by a faint inconspicuous groove near the outer edge. Of course I cannot be sure without specimens that your larger animal is Geomys. The skull of one would settle the matter at once.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Enclosures.

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January 4, 1921

Dr. Walter P. Taylor,
La Jolla, California.

Dear Doctor Taylor:

Replying to your inquiry about the Condor seen by me on the plains of the Columbia, would say:

In the early morning of September 30, 1897, a few miles east of Coulee City, state of Washington, I saw a Condor on the ground a short distance north of the railroad track. It was in the open country with no trees near.

Owing to a deeply rooted horror of basing field records on possible misidentification, impressed upon me for years by Professor Baird and Robert Ridgway, I refrained from making a record of the occurrence, although I have always felt that there was no question whatever as to the identification.

With greetings of the season to Mrs. Taylor and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 4, 1921

Mr. Donald R. Dickey,
514 Lester Avenue,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Dickey:

Your letter of December 23 is most welcome.

I had intended to call on you at Pasadena in November but was obliged to come East without visiting Southern California. I am now planning to return early in the spring, in which case I hope to see you all before going north to Lagunitas.

You certainly are to be congratulated on your success in your summer's work in New Brunswick. I am amazed to know that so much big game is to be seen there.

And I congratulate you also on your good luck in finding a new home so exactly suited to your needs.

I had great good luck last year in finding remnants of vanishing tribes and in locating additional village sites and tribal boundaries.

You are entirely right about the Bobcats. We know next to nothing as to the number and distribution of forms worthy of recognition and as to their inter-relations. They are a difficult group, but one that will well repay serious study. I once undertook the job, but at that time

D.R.D.--2.

the available material was utterly insufficient. If you are willing to tackle it, I have no doubt that Nelson would be willing to put the Biological Survey material, now very extensive, at your service.

But for the immediate present, if you merely wish to know whether a particular specimen is or is not Lynx baileyi I shall be glad to express an opinion if you will send such specimen to the Biological Survey.

Your moving must have been a difficult and anxious undertaking. I am in a position to appreciate and sympathize, having so recently moved my own materials to my house from the office quarters where I have worked for the past eleven years.

With kindest regards to your mother, your wife, and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 4, 1921

Mr. Asa M. Fairfield,
Susanville, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of December 26, and for the copy of your important 'Pioneer History of Lassen County' which has just arrived in perfect condition.

The price ($3) sent to the Crocker Company was from the Publishers' Catalogue of new books. I had no intention of cutting down the price, and am enclosing herewith my check of $4.50 in payment. The book is easily worth this amount.

In scanning it hastily I find that it contains much of interest in connection with my work on the Indians of California and Nevada. On page 13 you mention Bannocks as coming occasionally as far as the southern part of the Honey Lake country. This is a surprise to me, and I should be glad to know if you have authentic data to back up the statement. On the same page you say that the Washoe Indians ranged from Walker Lake to Honey Lake. Walker Lake lies wholly in Piute territory considerably east of the Washoe-Piute boundary. If you have any evidence that the Washoes ever entered this hostile territory, I should be glad to know it.

A.M.F.--2.

A typographical error occurs twice on page 50, namely, "State of the Desert". This should read of course "State of Deseret."

Don't think that I am criticizing the book because of the mention of these small errors. On the contrary I greatly admire the book and shall read it critically with much interest. Even the hasty glance I have given it shows it to be full of information that I am glad to have.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

where did the word 'Natagua' (mountain) come from — what language ?

January 5, 1922

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your kind letter of December 16, with accompanying tracings of pictographs in Lassen County, and also in acknowledging the attractive and much appreciated Christmas remembrances from the Stephens family. The edible products from Lake County are still a source of evening enjoyment to the entire family, and the beautiful basket in which they were encased is much admired.

We have now arranged our office files and furniture so that practically everything is get-atable. This was accomplished mainly by dividing the cases, leaving the larger part in the garage and putting the others in the front room of the basement. This of course does not include the desks and book-cases, which are in the parlor and dining room.

I have made only fair progress in writing up the results of the past season's field work, and am not more than half done. Am anxious to finish as early as possible in order to get in shape for next season's field work earlier than usual. This means that I shall have to go to the hospital in the near future. Shall probably go to Johns Hopkins.

I am particularly obliged for the pictographs which you took so much trouble to copy. But have not yet had time to study them or compare them with whatever literature may exist on the pictographs from other parts of California.

W.B.S.--2.

Some of them however are essentially the same as some of the series from Owens Valley, representing apparently ancient Shoshonian symbols. Colonel Mallery was informed by L. L. Frost of Susanville that pictographs occurred on the west side of Honey Lake valley, but no illustrations were given.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay Street,
Alameda, Calif.

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January 5, 1922

Dear Bruce:

You certainly gave the Merriam family a delightful surprise and one that will long stand as a testament to your skill and artistic taste. It appears to be a flower-holder in the guise of a candle-stick. But whatever its function its graceful lines and perfect workmanship are admired by all who have seen it. And it is pleasant to have a Christmas remembrance that will remain perpetually in view instead of disappearing down one's œsophagus.

With love to you all, and greetings of the season,

Very truly yours,

Mr. Bruce Stephens,
1250 Bay Street,
Alameda, Calif.

January 5, 1922.

Dear Doctor Stejneger:

Capt. F. R. Kleinschmidt, 100 Cathedral Parkway, New York City, asks whether or not the National Museum would be "interested" in obtaining material for a group of the Big Brown Bear, Ursus gyas, of Alaska Peninsula. I imagine that the Museum has no fund available for this purpose, but I am referring the matter to you.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Leonhard Stejneger,
U.S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

January 5, 1922

Capt. F. K. Kleinschmidt,
100 Cathedral Parkway,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of December 28 about the skulls of Big Bears. I shall be interested to measure your specimen of Ursus gyas in the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh, which you say measures close to 21 inches in length. My experience in measuring big skulls is that I generally fail to get so great a length as that usually attributed to them--so much depending on the method of measuring.

Your inquiry as to whether the Smithsonian Institution would be interested in obtaining a group of these Big Bears for exhibition I am referring to the authorities of that Institution.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 5, 1921

Dr. T. S. Palmer,
Secretary A.O.U.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Palmer:

Have just come across another copy of the 'Plain English' suppressed editorial of which I sent you a copy a day or two ago. Am enclosing it herewith.

Hastily,

CHM:MG
Encl.

January 5, 1922

Mr. R. W. G. Vail,
Roosevelt Memorial Association,
1 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated December 19, would say that Minot's inscription on the Roosevelt-Minot Adirondack Bird List of 1877 refers to a publication I had previously sent him entitled 'A Review of the Birds of Connecticut'-- not an anticipatory review of the leaflet in question.

Replying to your further question as to Minot's relatives or heirs, I am unable to give the desired information, but you might obtain it by writing to Mr. Charles F. Batchelder of Cambridge.

I am too overwhelmed with work just now to attend to the other matters mentioned in your letter.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 5, 1922

Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan,
Catholic University,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The 'Catholic Historical Review' for July 1920 contained the first part of an important article by Dr. Herbert I. Priestley entitled 'Franciscan Exploration of California'. Since its appearance I have been awaiting its completion. Will you be good enough to tell me when it is likely to appear?

This article by one of our foremost historians contains not only by far the best account extant of the explorations of the early Franciscan Fathers in California, but also puts us in possession of much important information not previously available.

The routes followed by the early Padres and the Indian villages visited have never before been located with such exactness. Having been engaged during part of nearly every year for more than 25 years in locating the sites of the aboriginal settlements in California, I am particularly interested in the results of Dr. Priestley's work. This I trust will pardon the liberty I am taking in asking when the remainder of his paper is likely to be published.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 6, 1921

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 E. 15th Street,
New York City.

My dear Grinnell:

The enclosed clipping from the 'Kalispell Times' of December 29 gives me a chill. Is it true, and are the statements made by Schultz in the main correct?

Am hoping to see you here this winter.

I had a surprisingly successful field season, getting the boundaries and villages of two tribes previously unknown, and ascertaining that the Chemaréko territory is at least 10 times as large as heretofore supposed. Also did a lot of work with several Athapaskan tribes and secured additional material from the Konomeho.

With best wishes from us all to Mrs. Grinnell and yourself,

As ever yours,

CHM:MG C. Hart Merriam

Shilden not back yet -

January 6, 1921

Cashier,
First National Bank,
Browning, Montana.

Dear Sir:

In response to an article on the 'Starving Blackfeet' published in the Kalispell Times' of December 29. I am enclosing herewith my check for $10 as a small contribution to the Blackfeet Relief Fund under your charge.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG C. Hart Merriam

January 6, 1922

Mr. R. P. Farley,
The City Club,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Farley:

Replying to your inquiry of the 3rd inst., would say that you are mistaken in thinking that the Government Geographic Board arranges for lectures.

In reference to a lecture on astronomy, I would refer you to Dr. C. C. Abbot, Smithsonian Institution.

For a suitable lecture on ornithology, would suggest that you communicate with Dr. E. W. Nelson or Dr. T. S. Palmer, both in the U.S. Biological Survey, this city; or if you wish to go so far, you could probably secure a better lecturer in New York by writing Dr. Frank M. Chapman, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 6, 1922

Mr. H. P. Stanford,

Kalispell, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Your three Grizzly skulls have arrived, and I was very glad to see them. One is a fine old female, the others immature. I am crediting your account $23, for which a check will be sent you from the Smithsonian in a few days. I shall also send you as soon as received, the artificial teeth for mounting in the heads.

In case you ever get hold of a fully adult male of this Grizzly, I hope you will send me the skull, as I have been hoping for one from your region for several years.

Thanks for the information you gave me about the color of Grizzly skins from the Kalispell region compared with those from the Tobacco Plains region. By the Kalispell region I assume that you mean the high mountains immediately east of Kalispell. If Grizzlies occur in the low country about Flathead Lake, I should be glad to know it.

Thanks for the pointer about the teeth supplied by Jonas Bros. of Denver. I have written them and will send you the teeth when received. If they don't carry them any more, I will pay Clark's high price, so in any event you will receive the teeth.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 6, 1922

Jonas Brothers,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sirs:

In one of your catalogues I see that you supply false teeth of Bear for mounting in dummy skulls in several sizes. The middle size is advertised at $1.50. If this price is not correct, please give me the correct amount. I should like three sets of the middle size, assuming that the upper molar series measures approximately 3-1/4 inches.

Please address me at 1919 Sixteenth Street.

Very truly yours,

C.H. Merriam

CHM:MG

January 7, 1921

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for December amounting to $95.53, together with vouchers as per list herewith, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

Accompanying Vouchers:

J. W. Scollick, Cleaning Bear Skulls	$2.50
Zenaida Merriam, Services as Asst.	35.00
Bear Skulls:	
Harry Chambers, 5 skulls	33.00
J. D. Kinney, 3 skulls	16.00
Joe Mailloux, 1 skull	14.00
H. P. Stanford, 3 skulls	23.00
A. H. Twitchell, 1 skull	4.00

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR DECEMBER 1921

1921 December		Subvoucher	
1	Hebbard & Mackessy: Electric Work & supplies necessary in converting garage & rooms in house into office and file rooms	1	22 00
8	Rubber bands .35; 2 lbs. wax $1.25		1 60
	Stott & Co: 1 doz. blotters for letter copying $1.25; typewriter brush, pencils, &c .85		2 10
12	Edward Sapir - Language		1 75
	Outdoor Life for 1922 (2 copies @ $2)		4 00
13	Bird-Lore for 1922		1 50
	American Forestry, 1922		4 00
	Journal of Heredity		3 00
14	Chas. E. Lauriat Co., Millais' Sportsmans Wanderings		2 15
	Wm. & Paul Crawford - Putting up map rack, @ $2		4 00
	Lumber for map rack		2 00
15	Littlefield, Alvord & Co., moving safe		10 00
22	Fairfield's History Lassen County, Calif.		4 50
24	Grinnell's 'Jack Among the Indians'		1 75
	H. H. Pittman, 3 photos Pocket Gopher @ $2		6 00
	Christmas presents for Calif. Indians whom I expect to work with again next spring: Light sweaters or scarfs for Mrs. Lucy Montgomery, Trinidad; Mrs. Hugh Grant, Forks of Salmon; Mrs. Sallie Noble, Burnt Ranch; and Mrs. Kate Luckie, Hay Fork		5 45
	Presents for children of Mrs. Geo. Green, Burnt Ranch; Geo. Burt, Fortuna; Carl Langford, Somes Bar; Mrs. Martinez Bell, Cahto		2 80
	Postage & insurance on above		2 10
28	Daniel H. Newhall, books & pamphlets:	2	
	Everett's Speech on Seminole Indians $1.00		
	Parker's 'Cherokee Indians' 1.00		
	Storrs' Speech on Seminole War 1.00		
	Peleg. Sprague's speech on Removal of Indians 1.00		4 00
	Electric Current Nov. 22 to Dec. 21, $10.40, 1/3	3	3 46
	Stamps, envelopes, and stamped envelopes for December		2 37
	Charwoman, cleaning office rooms for December	4	5 00
			95 53

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January 9, 1922

Mr. C. E. Rachford,
U.S. Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rachford:

Many thanks for your letter of the 6th inst. telling me that I may look for the promised information about the present status of Grizzly Bears soon after the 20th of this month. This will be fine.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 9. 1922

Mr. George Kennan,
Medina, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kennan:

Thanks for your season's greetings, and for the notice from Barron's Financial Weekly of your forthcoming Biography of Mr. Harriman.

I am delighted to know that you have been able to complete this work, and that it will appear in the near future. I shall read it with great interest.

With kind regards to Mrs. Kennan and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 10, 1921.

Dr. J. Walter Fewkes,
Bureau of American Ethnology,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Fewkes:

Many years ago when you and I were much younger than at present our friend Henry W. Henshaw prepared a sample brochure of his work entitled 'Tribes of North America with Synonomy', since published as the Handbook. The brochure to which I refer was in large quarto, printed in double column (13 pages). This was submitted to various ethnologists for criticism as to the form of publication. It was undated.

My object in writing you is to ascertain if the Bureau has any record as to the date of the printing of this brochure.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 10, 1921.

Miss Elsie R. Luckie,
Weaverville, Calif.

My dear Miss Luckie:

Very many thanks for your kindness in writing in behalf of Miss Ellen Clifford. I will look up my memoranda on her case at once, but I lack important information. I don't know anything about Miss Ellen Clifford's relationship to Ben and Fannie Howe. Please tell me about this so that I may have the facts before going to the Indian Office.

Are you not the Miss Luckie who was on the look-out on Hay Fork Bolly at the time of my visit to your mother last summer. If so, give my kindest regards to your mother when you phone her, and tell Miss Ellen Clifford I will do all in my power to help her in her case.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 10, 1921

Dr. Walter K. Fisher,
Hopkins Biological Laboratory,
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Walter:

A few days ago you asked me for a reference to my correction of 'Zone Temperatures.' I have just found it. It is 'Science', p. 116, January 20, 1899.

The essence of this correction is that for "6° C (43° F)" read 0° C (32° F).

The error was due, as you will probably remember, to the man in the Weather Bureau who made the computations and placed the results under wrong headings.

Trusting that you found matters and things in general in satisfactory shape on your return, and that you and your family are in the best of health and spirits,

As ever yours,

CHM:MG

January 10, 1922

Smith Book Company,
914 Union Central Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your January Clearance List just received. From this list I shall be glad if you will send me

Schoolcraft's Indian Tribes, Vols. 1,2,& 3	$20.00
Bourne's Captive in Patagonia	1.50
	$21.50

Enclosed is my check for $18.30, being the amount minus the 15% discount advertised.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG
Encl.

January 10, 1921

Prof. Robert F. Griggs,
C/o National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Griggs:

Last May you wrote me that Professor Hine had promised "to send on the mammals he collected in the Katmai District." Since then I have heard nothing on the subject from either you or Professor Hine. Were the specimens ever sent, and if so where did they go?

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

January 12, 1922

Major E. A. Goldman,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Goldman:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing a letter from A. H. Twitchell of Flat, Alaska. I am obliged also for the accompanying list of Bear skulls received from Twitchell in 1920 and 1921. Some of them I have paid for. Others apparently are not yet paid for. As a rule I assume that the Biological Survey takes care of Black Bear skulls, as I put in orders for the Big Bears only.

You may be interested to know that to date I have paid for Bear skulls out of the Harriman Fund more than $20,000, by reason of which the balance available for office and field purposes has been so much reduced that my work is greatly handicapped.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MC

January 12, 1922

Mr. G. H. Lantz,
U.S. Forest Service,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me copies of the latest issues of the Forest Service maps of Trinity, Klamath, and California National forests, all of which arrived a few days ago.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MC

C. Hart Merriam

January 13, 1922

Dear Mr. Mallinckrodt:

On receipt of your letter of December 27 I instituted a search for the original negative of your Big Bear skull, and have had an enlarged print made from it which was sent you by mail yesterday. I gave the photographer the exact length of the skull and asked him to make the photograph full size. He failed to do this however, so that the print is in the neighborhood of an inch short of the skull itself, which I greatly regret. The difficulty and delay of having it done over with the chance of an inferior print has led me to send you the present one as it is. To my mind it is a stunning picture. I am sure the members of your University Club will be mighty glad to have it added to their gallery.

The area of Alaska Peninsula is so great and the character of the land so mountainous and the Bear hunters so limited that it does not seem to me that Ursus gyas will be threatened with extermination in our day at least.

I have not been deeply impressed by the sentimental stuff that has been published concerning the urgent need for protecting the Big Bears of Alaska.

I hope your interesting manuscript on your remarkable experiences with the Big Bears will go to press in the near future, for it certainly is an unusually valuable contribution to our knowledge of these animals.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mr. E. Mallinckrodt Jr.
St. Louis, Mo.

January 13, 1922

Dr. Hartley H. T. Jackson,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Dept. of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Jackson:

The data for the large skull of Ursus gyas forwarded through John Murgatroyd and received July 6, 1921, are as follows:

Ursus gyas, male, old, Canoe Bay near Pavlof, Alaska Peninsula, June 5, 1920. Killed and presented by E. Mallinckrodt, Jr.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MC

C. Hart Merriam

January 13, 1922

My dear Grinnell:

Many thanks for your answer to my inquiry about the Blackfeet. The case is intensely sad, but I am glad to know that it is not quite so bad as painted in the article.

Sheldon wired his arrival at the railroad several days ago, and will doubtless put in an appearance shortly. We shall be mighty glad to hear the details of his trip.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Grinnell and yourself from all of us,

As ever yours,

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 East 15th Street
New York City

January 13, 1922

Hon. Charles L. McNary,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your recent request, I enclose herewith a brief memorandum concerning the need of the U.S. Geographic Board in the matter of a dictionary of place names in the United States and Alaska, which for more than 25 years it has been the hope of the Board to prepare.

It is understood that Will G. Steele of Oregon has in preparation a part of the needed material, which by critical editing and amplification might be used by the Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman

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Enclosure

Senator Charles L. McNary

MEMORANDUM

Ten thousand dollars to enable the U.S. Geographic Board to begin the preparation of a Gazeteer or Dictionary of Place Names in the United States and Alaska, to comprise the names of mountains, rivers, valleys, canyons, and other natural topographic and relief features, and also the names of all towns, cities, counties, and political divisions - - - -

January 16, 1922

Rev. Dr. Peter Guilday,
Catholic University,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the galley proof of the second part of Dr. Priestley's article on 'Franciscan Exploration of California'. I shall read it with great interest and will then forward it to Dr. Priestley, to whom I am writing by this mail.

With renewed thanks for your kindness in the matter, which I assure you I greatly appreciate,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 16, 1922

Dr. H. I. Priestley,
University of California,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Priestley:

Sometime ago I wrote the Editor of the Catholic Historical Review inquiring as to when the final instalment of your important paper on 'Franciscan Exploration of California' would be published. His reply has only just arrived in this morning's mail. He states that in January 1921 the magazine "became a general church history periodical, and hence the editors decided not to continue the study of Dr. Priestley." This is in itself disappointing and sad, but it is somewhat offset by what I am about to say. Hence, please rejoice with me and be exceeding glad, for to my great surprise the Reverend Dr. Guilday had the great kindness to send me by registered mail the galley proof of the remainder of the article.

I am anxious to read this, and therefore am taking the liberty to hold it for two or three weeks, but will keep it in a steel safe and will send it to you either by registered mail or by express on my return. I am going today to Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore to be operated on tomorrow, and expect to be home again in a couple of weeks.

With congratulations that this most important article has been rescued, and with hopes that it may soon be published,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 16, 1922

Mr. Donald Dickey,
514 Lester Avenue,
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Dickey:

Your letter of the 10th inst. arrived in the morning's mail a few minutes ago. You fairly take my breath away in telling me of the rumor that another Grizzly has been killed in Southern California within the past six months. I am glad that you are hot on its trail, and hope you will soon catch up with the real thing.

I note that you have shipped the Bobcats to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street. This is unfortunate, but I will arrange to have them taken to the Museum. Vernon Bailey will probably do this and make a preliminary examination of the specimens during my absence.

I am leaving for Baltimore today to be operated on at Johns Hopkins Hospital tomorrow. Hope to be home in two or three weeks.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 16, 1922

Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons Hawver,
Bolinas, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Hawver:

Your letter of the 9th inst. arrived by this morning's mail, and I have just phoned Dr. Maxon in regard to the same. He tells me that he has received the package of ferns but not the other package, and that he is writing you today.

I do not understand the Indianapolis mixup any more than you do, but strange things happen at times, even in the postal service.

We are just now enjoying a visit from our daughter Dorothy and her little girl 4½ years old. She and her grandmother have great sport together, and we are hoping that we may have her with us at Lagunitas some of these days. We are also hoping to return earlier than usual the coming spring.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 16, 1922

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Just as I am leaving for Johns Hopkins Hospital a letter with accompanying package of photographs has been received from William C. Gregg of Hackensack, N. J. I have glanced at the photographs and have made brief memoranda on a few of them, but have not time to go over them critically or to answer Gregg's letter, as I am obliged to go to catch the train.

The most important information it seems to me is the omission of the names previously applied by Leffingwell and possibly others to some of these features.

Will you kindly write Mr. Gregg.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Secretary,
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

January 16, 1922

Jonas Brothers,
Denver, Colorado.

Thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. stating that you have on hand sets of middle size artificial teeth for Bears at $1.50 per set. I shall be glad to purchase three sets, for which I am enclosing herewith my check for $4.50.

Please send the teeth to H. P. Stanford, Kalispell, Montana.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Enclosure

January 16, 1922

Mr. H. P. Stanford,
Kalispell, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from Jonas Brothers stating that they have the middle size artificial Bears' teeth mentioned in your former letter. I am ordering three sets, and have directed Jonas Brothers to send them to your address.

Trusting they will arrive safely, and will prove satisfactory, and thanking you for letting me know about them,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 16, 1922

Atlantic Monthly Press,
8 Arlington Street,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of the 9th inst., would state that the copy mentioned of 'Wild Brother' has arrived, for which I am very much obliged. I am writing Mr. Underwood by same mail.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

I hope you will get get hold of an old bear skull after this cigar is gone

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CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

January 16, 1922

Mr. William Lyman Underwood,
Belmont, Mass.

My dear Mr. Underwood:

I am indebted to you for a copy of your delightful book entitled 'Wild Brother' just received from your publishers. I spent last evening in reading it, and completed the job at one sitting, although I confess it kept me up later than my usual bed hour.

The book is not only entertaining but contains a surprisingly large amount of original trustworthy observations on the habits of young Black Bears, and therefore is of special interest to me. In case I live long enough to complete my work on the Black Bear group, I shall ask for the privilege of quoting certain paragraphs.

Your skill and patience as a photographer enabled you to put on record a most valuable set of pictures of the little animal at various periods of his development. The toad episode is simply splendid. It is seldom that I have found so much enjoyment in a single volume.

Some years ago you told some of us here in Washington the first part of this story, and I am very glad that you have taken the trouble to record it in permanent form.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

January 16, 1922

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Dorothy and her lively little one are still with us, and will be for some little time to come. Nearly every evening we sit around the fireplace and crack Lake County nuts, for which we are indebted to your kindness.

This is only a line to tell you that I am going to Baltimore to Johns Hopkins Hospital today, and expect to be operated on tomorrow.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, Calif.

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With love to you all,

As ever yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens,
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, Calif.

January 16, 1922

Dear Mr. Adams:

I wish to thank you for your promptness in sending me the statement of the disbursements under the Harriman Fund for the year 1921 just received.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

February 14, 1922

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am transmitting my account for the month of January, amounting to $66.91, and vouchers as per accompanying list, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Should have sent in this account earlier but for the fact that I have been confined for about a month in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, where I was operated on for hernia.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Accompanying Vouchers:

Library Bureau,1,000 cards	$4.40
Lowdermilk, Hist.Spanish Period in California	4.00
Yawman & Erbe, 2 steel vertical file-cases	90.80
Z. Merriam, Services Asst.	21.00

C. Hart Merriam,

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT JANUARY 1922

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14	Enos Mills Article on Grizzly Bears		40
14	Nelson Kent,enlarged photo Alaska Bear skull		2 00
16	Jonas Bros.,Denver,3 sets Bear teeth for dummy skulls		4 50
	Subscriptions to Periodicals for 1922:		
	Bull. N.Y. Zoological Soc.		1 50
	Booneville Herald		2 00
	Rod & Gun in Canada		2 00
	Field & Stream		2 50
	Biological Soc. Proceedings		3 00
	Journal Wash. Academy Sciences		5 00
	Stamps & stamped envelopes		1 28
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C. Hart Merriam
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February 14, 1922

Dr. John M. Clarke,
State Museum,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Doctor Clarke:

Have just received a notice of the publication of your Biography of James Hall, a copy of which I am anxious to possess. My check for $3.70 in payment is enclosed herewith, and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly have a copy sent to me at the above address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Encl.

February 14, 1922

Prof. John D. Detwiler,
Western University,
London, Canada.

Dear Professor Detwiler:

Your inquiry concerning my articles and maps on Life Zones reaches me on my return from Johns Hopkins Hospital. Am glad to know that you are interested in the subject, and take pleasure in sending you herewith some of my later publications and maps on the subject.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

February 14, 1922

Dear Arch & Angie:

On returning from Johns Hopkins Hospital after about a month of solitary enjoyment, interrupted by tantalizing visits from the several members of the family, I find another box of delicious California figs awaiting attention. It was mighty good of you both to think of this additional diversion, and we have already tackled the job of reducing them to first principles.

I appear to be getting on very well, and hope to be in better condition than for several years past. I was slit open liberally on both sides, and had a number of things done which I may tell you more or less about later.

But it is good to be home again in the bosom of one's family, and with an active little grand-daughter to keep one's mind occupied between times.

Glad to know that Angie has reached the pinnacle with abalone steaks and apple pies. This may get you both into difficulty later on.

By reason of the hospital episode I missed active participation in the theater disaster and the big snow-storm.

With love to you both from us all,

As ever,

E. Hart [illegible]

Mr. & Mrs. Arch. M. Gilbert,
Mill Valley, Calif.

Februaru 15, 1922

Dr. John P. Harrington,
Pleasanton, Calif.

Dear Doctor Harrington:

My daughter Zenaida wrote you I believe that I was laid up in Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore when your last letters arrived. This time I was operated on on both sides, and as the operations were rather severe, was obliged to remain in bed for nearly a month. I am now home again and doing well; and the outlook is that in a few months I shall be stronger than for several years past.

Your letters were most interesting and most welcome, but I share your sadness in learning that poor Josefa is too feeble to be interviewed. At the same time, I am wondering if during some of her better days she could not answer a few simple questions. It would be worth while to verify (unless you have already verified this) the statement that Hoomontwash is the name of her tribe; Mutsum the name of the old village at San Juan.

You speak of Josefa's home as "a few blocks north of the center of town." This must mean one of two things: either that she has moved or that the town as grown almost unbelievably since the time of my visit some years ago.

No, I did not get a photograph of her. I had hoped to find a Spanish speaking interpreter to go back with me, but failing in this did not go again. I did, however, take several negatives of the old Hoomontwash woman at San Juan.

J.P.H.--2.

But she was of a different type, and a much larger and heavier built woman, without such refined features as those of Josefa. It would be fine if you could get a photo of her. If her room is reasonably light, a two-second exposure with eight-stop [redacted] should give a fairly good result.

A few years ago there were a few Indian women still living at Santa Cruz. They might be worth looking for. I think you have already interviewed those at Monterey.

You certainly have been most patient and faithful in working with Mrs. Noble, and I know you have secured a full treasure-house of information which surely is worth all the trouble and cost; but you did not say whether or not you stopped to see Mrs. Montgomery on the way out. If you did not, I am sure it will pay you to visit her when you return north. The two women don't always agree on everything, although as a rule they do; but Mrs. Montgomery understands English much better than Mrs. Noble.

Mrs. McKay of Hyampom is very old and feeble. I made a trip to Big Bar to see her, having heard that she was there, but she had returned to Hyampom because she felt that if she did not go at that time she might never be able to make the rather severe trip over the mountain trail. Hyampom, as I think I told you, is the heart of the Chemareko territory, just as Hay Fork Valley is the heart of the Norrelmuk territory. It is probable that Mrs. McKay, like other Norrelmuks who removed to Hyampom after the Hay Fork Massacre, knows a good many

J.P.H.--3.

Chemareko words, but Abe Bush, whom you will of course interview, knows far more. Abe Bush will tell you a somewhat different story than the one you receivedfrom Mrs. Noble concerning his ancestry and the headquarters of the tribe.

In a few days I will see what can be done about copying the two photographs you were kind enough to enclose, and will then return the prints so that you may give them back to Mrs. Dailey. I have myself taken several photos of Ironsides Mountain, but none of them are wholly satisfactory, as the points from which they were taken were not well selected.

I now plan to reach Lagunitas not later than the middle of April, possibly earlier, and shall of course be glad to identify your plants whenever you wish to send them on.

Thanks for your last poem. I always enjoy these, although I don't always catch the full meaning of every verse.

Hoping that you may still get something from Josefa, and that you may find a treasure or two still living at Santa Cruz or Monterey, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C.H.M.

CHM:MG

February 15, 1922

Dear Doctor Coville:

Thanks for your memorandum of the 9th inst. with accompanying note (received in this morning's mail) from S. F. Blake in regard to the fragment of Euonymus from Trinity River, California. I am glad to see that he finds no reason for differing with me in calling it Euonymus occidentalis.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C.H.M.

Dr. F. V. Coville,
Bureau of Plant Industry,
Dept. of Agriculture.

February 15, 1922

My dear Deane:

You were most kind to write me the moment you learned that I was in the hospital at Baltimore, and I should have replied at once but for the fact that I was not able to write. My case was rather severe, and I was opened up rather freely on both sides, so that it was necessary to remain in bed about a month. I am now home, and am able to walk about fairly comfortably, and hope to be well on my feet in a short time.

But I was shocked to learn that Mrs. Deane had undergone a similar operation with only a local anesthetic. I underwent an operation of this kind last year without ether, and hope never to go through such an ordeal again. The shock to the whole system is altogether too great, apart from the unnecessary agony which is so prolonged in operations of this kind.

Our daughter Dorothy with her little Beth, 4½ years old, is with us just now. Mrs. Merriam thinks that there never was another such grandchild, in which it would be difficult to say that she differs from most other grandparents.

We had a very busy and very successful field season in California last year, traveling some 4,000 miles in the automotile and camping along the road. Several of our

H. D.--2.

trips lay through the new coast highway, which traverses the magnificent redwood forests. Wish you and Mrs. Deane could join us on one of these splendid trips.

My present plan is to go to Southern California about a month from now and to work northward so as to reach our place at Lagunitas about the middle of April. This should enable me to finish a lot of field work now nine-tenths done.

With best wishes to you both from all of us,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mr. Ruthven Deane,
112 W. Adams Street,
Chicago, Ill.

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February 15, 1922

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Enclosed is a letter from the Postmaster General notifying us that L. N. Morgan has been designated a member of the Geographic Board in place of G. D. Ellsworth, transferred.

My operations at Johns Hopkins Hospital were somewhat more severe than anticipated, as a result of which I was kept in bed nearly a month. I am now home again and doing well, though not very lively. But expect to be on hand at the next meeting.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. C. S. Sloane, Secretary,
U.S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1922

Dear Doctor Nelson:

Prof. Edwin C. Starks of Stanford University writes me to ask if he can obtain a photograph of the skull of the Southern Fur-seal Arctocephalas townsendi which I described from Guadalupe Island. Many years ago I had the skull of the type photographed, top and bottom views, doubtless on a 5 x 7 glass negative. The skull is No. 83617 and the number shows on the negative of the under side of the skull.

Will you kindly have a pair of prints made from those negatives and send them to Prof. E. C. Starks, Stanford University.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. E. W. Nelson,
U.S. Biological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

February 15, 1922

Prof. Edwin C. Starks,
Stanford University,
Calif.

Dear Doctor Starks:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. is before me, and I am glad to know that you are at work on marine mammals.

I quite agree with you that the fur-seal formerly visiting the Santa Barbara Islands is much more likely to be Arctocephalas than Callorhinus, but am by no means so sure of those from the Farallones.

In looking over my photographs of seal skulls I find that I had the skull of the type specimen of my Arctocephalas townsendi photographed (Skull No. 83617, National Museum Collection, U.S. Biological Survey Collection). Unfortunately it lacks the teeth. I am writing Dr. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, by this mail asking him to have prints of the two views, top and bottom, made for you. This he will doubtless do at an early date. I have no side view unfortunately. It may be that either the National Museum or the American Museum could do better with some of the South American species, but I thought you would much prefer the California species.

I am just back from Johns Hopkins Hospital where I have been enjoying about a month's rest after operations for double hernia.

With best wishes to yourself and Mrs. Starks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

February 17, 1922

Hon. Samuel D. Nicholson,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst. relating to the name Mount Massive in Colorado is at hand, but the enclosure of which you speak from the Leadville Chamber of Commerce has not yet arrived.

Very truly yours,

Chairman, U.S. Geographic Board

CHM:MG

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February 21, 1922

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Mrs. Florence Johnson, 1700 Eleventh Street, has just handed me the enclosed $3, with the request that I transmit to the Society in payment of her dues and magazine for the current year, as per accompanying bill.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

Encl.

February 21, 1922

Editor,
Canadian Alpine Journal,
Banff, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

I have recently seen a notice of an article by William Spreadborough in the Canadian Alpine Journal, Vol. 10, 1919, pages 51-68. Is it possible to obtain the number containing this article? If so, I shall be exceedingly obliged if you will kindly send me a copy with bill for same.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

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A. mewukka, which begins about 3 miles above Colfax and continues up the grade for many miles, being much more common above than below. I found it fairly common in the neighborhood of both Towle and Gorge stations.

The range of A. nissenana I know nothing about, as I noticed it only in one place which was near the top of a low ridge a little southwest of American Flat and 2 or 3 miles north of Louisville, Eldorado County. It is a small species of the tomentosa group, with fibrous shreddy bark.

With best wishes for a successful trip and a good time,

Very truly yours

Miss Alice Eastwood,
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco
Calif.

February 21, 1922

My dear Miss Eastwood:

Thanks for the sweet-grass accompanying your letter of the 14th inst. just received. But what is better than the sweet-grass is the good news that you have actually started on your revision of the Manzanitas and the genus Ceanothus. This is fine. I hope you will not be sidetracked on other things before the work is completed.

It is good news also to know that you are to enjoy a Manzanita-collecting trip from Colfax as a base during the flowering season. There are three species in that general region: Arctostaphylos viscida, dominant and enormously abundant; A.manzanita, occasional, chiefly below the elevation of Colfax, if I remember correctly; and my

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February 23, 1922

Mr. E. R. Warren,
1511 Wood Avenue,
Colorado Springs,
Colorado.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Many thanks for your kindness in sending me a copy of your recent paper on 'Small Mammals of Colorado', which contains as would be expected much matter of interest to me.

I notice in your bibliography of technical papers that you refer to publications by eight of my former assistants but to none of my own papers. I am wondering if you did not receive all of these as issued. In any case I am sending you a few by this mail.

Your record of Conepatus for Colorado is most interesting.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

Was the omission of Cary's 'Biological Survey of Colorado' (Fauna 33, Mammals pp. 51-211) with maps of distribution intentional or accidental?

February 27, 1922

Cashier,
Crocker National Bank,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this city for $100, which I shall be obliged if you will credit to my account.

Very truly yours,

C. M. Hamilton

CHM:MG
Encl.

February 27, 1922

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli,
Lagunitas, Calif.

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Thanks for your letter of February 20. We are very glad to learn the news from Lagunitas, and glad that you cut the trees which fell across our road.

As you do not say anything about water-pipes, I am hoping that none of mine were broken by the cold weather. It must have seemed strange to find the ground covered with snow at Lagunitas.

I am getting on finely, and hope to reach Lagunitas at least a couple of months earlier than usual.

With best wishes to you all from all of us,

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

C. M. Hamilton

February 27, 1922

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Allen:

We received your interesting letters a few days ago, and were glad to get the news from San Geronimo, although some of the details as to the weather could not have been very pleasant to you. For people of our age a crop of deep snow is not very inviting to walk out into.

We are sorry to hear that you have had such a bad cold. The epidemic of influenza hit us also, and we all have had our turns with it, but are now well again.

That Knickerbocker Theater horror came very near catching both of my daughters, as they were intending to go, but the stormy evening decided them to stay at home. The same was true of Henshaw and several other of our friends.

Our daughter Dorothy and her little girl are still with us.

I am getting on finely and go out for a walk every day. I expect to start for Southern California next month and to work my way north slowly, reaching Lagunitas, I hope, by the middle of April.

With best wishes to you both from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Allen,
San Geronimo, Calif.

February 28, 1922

Mr. Frank Woore,
96 St. Peters Street,
Derby, England.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your Catalogue No. 16 of Fine Books. If they have not been sold, will be glad to purchase the following at the prices mentioned:

567. R. M. Ballantyne, Hudson's Bay, or Everyday Life in the Wilds of North America, 3s 6d

590. Washington Irving, Tour on the Prairies, 8s 6d

Kindly send with bill to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

February 28, 1922

Mr. William J. Gerhard,
563 North 20th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your Catalogue No. 68 of Books on Natural History. If they have not been sold, please send me the following:

165. Cooper, J. G. Fauna of Montana Territory $1.00

296. Blanford, W. T., Note on Asiatic Bears, 1877 .35

297. Chapman, F. M., New subspecies Oryzomys from Gulf States, 1893 .30

298. Cole and Tooker. Habits of a Muskrat in Captivity .35

321. Godman, J. D., Note on genus Condylura, 1825 .40

331. Howell, A. H., Generic names N.Amer. Skunks .35

Kindly forward books with bill to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 1, 1922

The Smith Book Company,
Suite 914, Union Central Bldg.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your Bulletin No. 4, Americana and General Literature, from which I should like to purchase the following:

Thomas Coulter, Notes on Upper Calif., 1835 (Excerpt from Royal Geo. Society)	$1.50
Toland, M. B. M., Tisayac of the Yosemite, 1890	1.25

Please send books with bill to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 1, 1922

Mr. E. R. Robinson,
410 River Street,
Troy, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your Catalogue No. 23, from which I should like to purchase the following provided the maps include the state of California.

1292.	Colton's Western Tourist & Emigrants' Guide, 1840 (with map)	$2.50
	Same, 1854 (with map)	2.00
	Same, 1857 (with map)	1.00

Please send with bill to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

CHM:MG

March 2, 1922

Prof. Asa M. Fairfield,
Susanville, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letters of January 18 and February 7. Replying to your inquiry, the Smithsonian Institution has a scientific library, and the Bureau of Ethnology under the Smithsonian has a special library on anthropology and ethnology. The Director is Dr. J. Walter Fewkes. Your 'History of Lassen County' contains matter of interest to ethnologists, and I think they would be glad to have it.

Referring to the matter of the Bannok Indians, the question which naturally arises is how did early pioneers of Honey Lake Valley know the Indians of whom they speak were Bannok? Bancroft's Native Races is an exasperating mixture of truth and error, and statements in it concerning the territorial limits of the various tribes are worthless unless backed up by reliable authority.

Is there any evidence to show that the Indians who stole John L. Crow's horses in 1868 and retreated to Steen Mountains (or beyond) were Bannok?

As to the Washo: the Washo did not reach Walker Lake, which was in enemy territory. Walker Lake and the range west of Walker Lake belonging to the Piute. Long Valley south of Honey Lake was Washo territory. The country east of Long Valley Piute.

A.M.F.--2

It is a great pity that Roop's records have disappeared. The word Nataqua I have not found among my MS vocabularies of the region, although I have not made a complete search. But I am wondering if it could not be an error for Notokoio, the name of the tribe a little west of Susanville.

In your last letter you say that a "Digger" Indian from Plumas County gives you the meaning of the word as Poison Oak. This Indian, if not an intruder from some other region, must have been a member of the Notokoio tribe. The word for Poison Oak in this language is wholly different.

Incidentally, I am wondering why you applied the meaningless term 'Digger' to these Indians. Early fur traders applied the name 'Digger' to the Sheep-eater Shoshones of Idaho and also to various bands of Shoshones and Piute in Nevada. A little later the term came into rather general use for something like a hundred different tribes in the state of California, with the natural result that it is utterly meaningless.

This letter is not intended as a criticism of you or your book, but merely a general protest against unauthenticated statements concerning Indians.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

March 2, 1922

Mr. S. N. Rhoads,
Franklin Bookshop,
920 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rhoads:

Thanks for your Catalogue No. 41 received a few days ago.

If not already sold, kindly send me

48.	Nelson, Larger and Smaller Mammals of North America, .75 and .65	$1.40
1305.	Abbot Thayer, Protective Coloration	1.25
1701	Stephens, Lynx Hunting in Maine	1.75

Supplement T: Cope & Mercer, Vertebrate Remains from Port Kennedy Bone Deposits 4.50

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

March 2, 1922

Mr. Daniel H. Newhall
154 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for Book List 166. From this please send me with bill, if not already sold,

46.	Dellenbaugh, A Canyon Voyage	$3.75
142.	Prime. Around the World. Sketches of Travel	1.50

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

March 2, 1922

Dr. Witmer Stone,
Academy of Sciences,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Doctor Stone:

Your circular letter addressed to the Council of the A.O.U. and dated yesterday, March 1, is at hand.

In respect to the proposition from E. H. Forbush, of which you ask my opinion, would say that I strongly oppose the publication of the matter referred to in the 'Auk'. I think the A.O.U. cannot afford to have anything to do with the proposed new journal. It already has the 'Auk', the authoritative technical ornithological journal of America.

West Coast ornithology seems to be well provided for by the 'Condor', and popular ornithology for the country at large by 'Bird-Lore'.

The proposed new journal, it seems to me, cannot become in any way a rival of the 'Auk', but if successful might be considered a competitor to 'Bird-Lore'. At all events I should let it take its own course.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

March 2, 1922

Mr. H. P. Stanford,
Kalispell,
Montana.

Dear Mr. Stanford:

Thanks for your letter of February 25 just received. I am glad to know that the bear teeth sent you by Jonas Bros. reached you all right and proved satisfactory.

Thanks for the information about the former range of Grizzlies in the Flathead Lake country; also for the information you have given me on the deer-killing habits of the Coyote. This is sad but interesting.

I am glad to know that you will keep on the lookout for the skull of an old male Grizzly from your region. It seems strange that skulls of old males should be so very hard to get, while several have come to hand of females and young males.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

March 4, 1922

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for February amounting to $22.27, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR FEBRUARY 1922 Subvoucher XXX

1922			
February 10	Humboldt's 'Essay on New Spain' [=Calif.& Mexico]	1	1 50
14	Clark's 'Life of James Hall'		3 70
16	Ream typewriter paper	2	1 85
23	Subscription to 'Wassaja' 2 years		2 00
24	Canadian Forestry Magazine		2 00
	Charwoman, Cleaning Office Rooms, February	3	5 00
	Postage and envelopes		1 52
	Electric Current, Jan. 21 to Feb. 21, 1922, $14.20, one-third	4	4 70
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C. Hart Merriam
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March 4, 1922

Dr. N. Hollister, Editor,
Journal of Mammalogy,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Hollister:

I find that I have no copies of a couple of notes published in the Journal, namely:

Death of James Maconn, Vol. I, No. 4, 187, August 1920;

Former Range of Mountain Sheep in Northern California, Vol. 2, No. 4, 239, November 1921.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me these [proof sheets would answer] in order that I may complete my personal bibliographic file--for I think you will agree with me that it is a duty we owe our families to keep a set of our published writings, however trivial.

My absence in California at the time of issue of most of the numbers of the Journal of Mammalogy, and pressure of accumulated work on my return, must account for my delay in making this request.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

March 4, 1922

Mr. Frederick S. Dellenbaugh,
1 W. 67th Street,
New York City. (226 West 78 St.)

Dear Mr. Dellenbaugh:

Have recently seen a copy of an important paper by you entitled 'Travelers and Explorers 1846 to 1900.' I undertook to purchase a copy, but have not been able to get hold of it through the usual channels. I am therefore emboldened to ask you, if you have copies at your disposal, to kindly send me one with memorandum of price, and I will remit at once.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

CHM:MG

March 9, 1922

Hon. Chas. H. Burke
Commissioner, Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly give me the locations of the following Indian Schools or Agencies in California, Nevada and Utah?

In California:

"Digger Agency"
Mission

In Nevada:

Nevada School
Western Shoshone School

In Utah:

Goshute Agency
Shivwitts School

Do you not think it unfortunate that the Indian Office should stand for the name "Digger" as applied to a tribe of Indians? You are doubtless aware that in popular usage and in the literature this name has been applied to dozens of tribes belonging to different linguistic stocks in Idaho, Oregon, Nevada and California. It is not only utterly meaningless but is regarded by Indians as a term of contempt. Why should we continue to humiliate them by officially branding a respectable tribe with this deprecatory name? The name of the tribe so designated in the Indian Office Reports is Mewuk. Is there any good reason why they should not be so designated?

If not too much trouble, will you kindly send me a list

of the locations of the small tracts of land that have been purchased for various bands of California Indians during the past few years?

I am glad to note from your report for 1921 that it is expected that work on the road from Hoopa to Wetchpek will be completed during the present year. This will help both Indians and Whites over a considerable area of rather inaccessible territory.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

P. S. I have a copy of your report for 1921 for office use here in Washington but would be thankful for another copy to take with me to California.

March 9, 1922

Col. H. C. Rizer
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me for official use, three copies each of the following map sheets of parts of California:

Jamesburg
Cape San Martin
Gilroy Hot Springs
Nipomo

Also two copies each of the following:

Bonita Ranch
Santa Rita
Howard Ranch
Los Banos
Volta

Also one copy each of

Metz
Lucia
Pacheco Pass

Also one copy each of the Desert Maps covering the Mohave and Colorado Deserts. (Resultant maps)

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1922

Mr. James W. McGuire
Coast & Geodetic Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McGuire:

Thanks for the catalog of Coast Survey Charts you were good enough to send me. In looking it over I find that the charts of California which I should be glad to have in connection with the Indian names of localities and villages are the large scale ones ending in "2," from 5102 to 5702 inclusive. If you will kindly send me these, I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1922

Mr. Will C. Barnes
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 16th containing a splendid account of the Big Bears encountered by the Forest Service Field Men in the recent past. This gives me just what I have been hoping for and I am greatly obliged both to you and to the Rangers and others who have taken the trouble to collect so much useful information.

There is one curious figure which seems to need explanation. On page 6, under the Shoshone Forest in Wyoming, 226 Grizzly Bears are enumerated for the year 1920!

In looking up the locations of the National Forests for Colorado, I find I have no map of Colorado showing their positions.

With appreciative thanks for this meaty report,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 9, 1922

Dr. Charles D. Walcott
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Walcott:

Could you send me a copy of the Smithsonian Report Separate No. 1153 by Abbott Thayer--Law of Protective Coloration?

Also, if still on hand for distribution, copies of the following articles published in the Smithsonian Annual Reports for the years mentioned:

Feilner, John - Explor. in Upper California in 1860. 1864.

Rau, Charles - Lower California Indians. 1864.

Simpson, J. H. - Coronado's March. 1869.

Gibbs, Geo. - Language of Aboriginal Indians. 1870.

Swan, James G. - Indians of Cape Flattery. 1870.

Peale, T. R. - Uses of Brain & Marrow Among Indians. 1870.

Kind, W. M. - Burial Indian Squaw, San Bernardino Co. 1874.

Bowers, Stephen - Santa Rosa Island. 1877.

Brackett, A. G. - Shoshonis. 1879.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 9, 1922

Mr. Frederick S. Dellenbaugh
226 West 78th St.
New York City

My dear Mr. Dellenbaugh:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 6th inst. and for your kindness in sending me a copy of your important and useful paper entitled. "Travellers and Explorers 1846-1900," which has just arrived.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

March 9, 1922

Dr. George Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th St.
New York City

Dear Grinnell:

In 1913 a man named W. A. Allen (apparently a dentist) published a small book entitled "The Sheep Eaters." The people he tells about appear to be Mountain Crows and I am wondering if his book has anything whatever to do with the real Shoshonean Sheep-Eaters. Do you happen to know anything about this?

I am hoping to get off for California within ten days. With best wishes to you and Mrs. Grinnell,

As ever yours,

March 9, 1922

Mr. Val A. Fynn
4954 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. is at hand. I have not seen your letter to Dr. C. D. Walcott to which you refer and therefore am somewhat in the dark as to your plans in respect to hunting Big Bears in Alaska. I do not know whether you have already outlined a trip or whether you wish me to suggest parts of Alaska from which specimens of Big Bears are particularly needed.

While we are always glad to receive specimens from any part of Alaska, we are particularly anxious to obtain specimens from the coast region of southeastern Alaska from Portland Canal northerly to Yakutat Bay including of course the Fairweather Alps; and still farther north we need more material from the Prince William Sound region including Hinchinbrook Island; and there are many parts of the interior from which specimens are badly needed.

Directions for the preparation and shipment of specimens are inclosed herewith.

The matter of permits is generally arranged through Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey.

Very truly yours,

S. Hart [illegible]

March 9, 1922

Mrs. Ludwig Baker
308 School House Lane
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Baker:

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst. just received I regret to say that I do not know of anyone who would be likely to purchase your Library of Americana. As a rule most of us who are interested in Americana from the historical and ethnological standpoints already have so many works on these subjects that additional purchases are confined to special gaps.

Very truly yours,

S. Hart [illegible]

March 9, 1922

Mr. E. R. Warren
1511 Wood Ave.
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Thanks for your letters of February 28th and March 3rd. I am obliged for your offer of a copy of Rockwell's Bulletin on Squirrels, Chipmunks and Gophers. I do not find it in my files and therefore should be greatly obliged for a copy if you find the duplicate you mention.

In regard to Conepatus, my feeling is that the animal will be found to have a continuous range southward from the locality from which Aiken's specimen came. Conepatus is so strictly nocturnal that it is usually detected only by the smell and therefore confused with the more common skunks.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1922

Mr. Fenley Hunter
Hunter Illuminated Car Sign Company
Flushing, N. Y.

My dear sir:

Your letter of February 3rd was brought to me at John Hopkins Hospital and I think was acknowledged by my daughter. I am now able to go to the Museum and shall be glad to see you and your bear skulls from Admiralty Island in the near future if this is convenient for you. I am expecting to return to California in eight or ten days and should have written you earlier had I felt strong enough to undertake such a stand-up job in the Museum.

By this mail I am sending you a complete copy of my paper on the Big Bears.

If you ship specimens in advance of your coming, please address U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., with your own name on the outside of the box.

With apologies and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1922

Mr. A. K. Bradley
Tioga
Texas

Dear Sir:

Your letter asking about literature on the Natural History of Alaska came during my recent confinement in John Hopkins Hospital, hence please pardon delay in replying.

There is no general work on any of the subjects you mention but there are numerous scattered papers on birds of Alaska and also on the plants and the geology of the different parts of the territory. For publications on geology you had better address the Director, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C., while for titles on plants I would advise writing to Dr. F. V. Coville Government Botanist, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Papers on birds of various parts of Alaska are widely scattered, having been published in the Auk, Condor and other ethnological journals. The principal papers fortunately have been published in book form, namely:

Report Upon Natural History Collections made in Alaska, 1877-1881 by Edward W. Nelson, published under the Signal Service, Government Printing Office, 1887.

Birds of Bering Sea and the Arctic Ocean by E. W. Nelson, published in Cruise of the Revenue Steamer Corwin in 1881. 1883.

Contributions to the Natural History of Alaska by L. M. Turner, published by the Signal Service 1886.

Report of the Point Barrow Expedition, Part 4, Natural History by John Murdoch, 1885.

Alaska Bird Life by E. W. Nelson, published by the National Association of Audubon Societies, 1914.

The Harriman Alaska Expedition Volumes, of which about a dozen have been published by the Smithsonian Institution, contain popular articles on Natural History by John Burroughs, John Muir, Charles Keeler and others, and also one volume (Volume 3) on Glaciers by G. K. Gilbert. The popular matter is contained in the Narrative volumes, 1 and 2.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1922

Mr. S. R. Capps
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Capps:

I have been at the Museum and have examined the female skull of Ursus gyas from Alaska Peninsula which you were kind enough to leave in my room. The skull is adult but has been badly damaged by sawing out the base in order to get the brains out more easily. This injury prevents taking the usual measurements.

I value the skull at $5.00, a check for which will be sent you about the end of the month from my account in the Smithsonian Institution.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9, 1922

Mr. J. E. Haynes
Selby & Virginia Aves.
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Haynes:

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst. would say that the matter of the names of waterfalls in the Cascade Corner of the Park was closed at the last meeting of the Government Geographic Board and I assume that the Secretary, Charles S. Sloane, has sent you the list of adopted names before this. I trust that these will have reached you in time to admit of correcting the names in the proof-sheets of your new guide.

Fifty years ago I visited the Park as Naturalist of the Hayden Survey. I had hoped to return this year but fear I shall not be able to do so, as my field work in California is pressing. With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1922

Hon. Gifford Pinchot
1615 Rhode Island Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pinchot:

Your letter of January 16th inquiring about the Rose Magnolia tree near my house arrived during my stay in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. Since my return I have tried to get you on the phone without success--hence this letter.

The tree in question belongs to Mrs. Marcus Baker who tells me that she does not care to dispose of it until she sells her house. She doubts very much whether the tree would stand transplanting.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 10, 1922

Mr. A. H. Twitchell
Flat, Alaska

My dear sir:

Your letter of December 7th reached the Biological Survey on January 19 and was forwarded to me a short time ago.

On looking up our accounts, I find that you are entirely correct in the matter of the Grizzly skull shipped in the summer of 1920. This skull was received in November, 1920 during my absence in California and in some way escaped my attention. I value it at $12.00, a check for which will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution about the end of the present month.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11,1922

Mr Fenley Hunter
Flushing, New York.
My dear Mr Hunter:

Thanks for your wire and letter of yesterday.

Wednesday morning will be all right for me and unless I hear from you to the contrary I will meet you at the Biological Survey rooms in the New National Museum (10th St & B) at 9:30.

You are wise to bring your specimens along, thus taking no chances of delays in transit.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

March 13, 1922

Col. H. C. Rizer
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

Herewith I am returning the copy of Dellenbaugh's paper entitled, "Travellers and Explorers." Your copy was the first I had seen and I was glad to see that it contains matter of use in connection with my work. Failing to obtain it from the publisher, I wrote Dellenbaugh and have just received a copy from him.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

March 13, 1922

Hon. Chas. D. Walcott
Secretary, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Walcott:

Many thanks for your letter of the 11th inst. and accompanying articles from early Smithsonian Reports. I am very glad to have them, particularly the one by Feilner on "Explorations in Upper California" published in the 1864 Report.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

March 13, 1922

Mr. R. L. Faris
Assistant Director, Coast & Geodetic Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me one copy each of California coast charts No. 5202-5302-5402-5502-5602-5702, which arrived this morning, and will be of material service in connection with geographic names along the coast.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

March 13, 1922

Dear Mrs. Parsons:

Your letter without date arrived in this morning's mail, and I am glad to know that you are still in Berkeley.

In regard to the proposed auto trip of your friends from California easterly, would say that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the best route at present is the one known as the Santa Fe Trail, going by way of the Mohave Desert, Needles, Flagstaff, northern New Mexico, eastern Colorado, and so on, east. This route avoids high mountains and is passable later in the fall than the Lincoln Highway. The Lincoln Highway is still under construction and I understand that a good deal of work will be done on it during the present year, necessitating many detours. However, your friends may obtain reliable information from the American Automobile Association's Office on Van Ness Avenue just before starting. The Association makes a special point of down-to-date information as to road conditions on all of the principal routes.

On both of our trips we camped practically the whole way, stopping at hotels or road houses about once in 5 or 6 days, if we happened to hit one at the right time. We

found two difficulties with hotels: (1) That it was impossible to get an early start in the morning, (2) That we never knew what would happen to the car over night.

I would not apprehend any trouble so far as the 4 year old boy is concerned, unless he is dependent on fresh milk, but I would not undertake the trip later than September.

I am planning to start for southern California about the end of the present week, and hope to meet Mrs. Merriam at Lagunitas before the middle of April.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Marion Randall Parsons
29 Mosswood Road
Berkeley, California

March 13, 1922

Mr. Val. A. Fynn
4954 Lindell Boulevard
Saint Louis, Missouri

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. has just arrived and I am glad to know your plans more definitely. You are starting full early, but in case we have an early spring, it is far better to be a little beforehand than a little late.

We shall be very thankful for any specimens you are willing to contribute to our National Collections. The Iskut River appears to be good bear ground, and it is well known that Big Bears are common on many parts of Admiralty Island where several species appear to occur. I would not advise hunting on Chichagof and Baranof Islands as we already have numerous skulls and some skins from both of these Islands. Both Grizzly and Big Brown Bears occur on these Islands and also in Admiralty Island. More material is badly needed from the region between Lynn Canal and the Ocean Coast, and particularly from the Fairweather Alps and the entire coast strip between Icy Strait and Yakutat Bay.

There are still many puzzling problems in connection with the species of Alaska Bears and much remains to be learned. A few years ago I published a preliminary review of the Big Bears, a copy of which I am sending you by this mail. I do

not think of any other literature on the Coast Bears which would be likely to be of service to you in this connection.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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March 17, 1922

Prof. Robert F. Griggs
National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Professor Griggs:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of January 17 and accompanying box of small mammals collected by Professor Hine of your expedition in the neighborhood of Katmai. I was in Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, at the time, as my daughter phoned you, and since returning have been extremely busy and hardly in shape to stand up long in the Museum. However I have now been to the Museum twice and have examined the specimens. The Shrews have been examined also by Doctor H. H. T. Jackson, the Field Mice (Microtus) by Vernon Bailey. The identifications are as follows: Ground Squirrels, Citellus plesius ablusus; Shrews (the short tailed species) Shorex personatus arcticus; the larger longer tailed species, Shorex shumaganensis; the Field Mice (the two smaller specimens) Microtus operarius, the larger specimen without skull, probably Microtus kadiacensis (identification uncertain because of absence of skull).

Do you wish these specimens returned or shall they be entered in the Biological Survey Collections of the National Museum as a contribution from the Katmai expedition?

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

March 20, 1922

Mr. E. R. Warren
1511 Wood Ave.
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Mr. Warren:

Very many thanks for the copy of Rockwell's Squirrels and Chipmunks of Colorado which has just arrived. I am very glad to add it to my literature on the State.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 20, 1922

Col. C. H. Birdseye
Chief Topographer, U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Frederick Coville tells me that he is seeking a humble position on one of your field parties. I have known him all his life and do not hesitate to recommend him unqualifiedly as an unusually fine boy, honorable, willing and competent.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 20, 1922

Mr. John P. Harrington
Pleasanton, Calif.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

A letter from Mrs. J. J. Dailey just received tells me that Sally Noble died on January 28. This is sad news, but from what you told me of her condition is not likely to be a great surprise to you. I congratulate you again that you were able to obtain such a fund of information from her at the eleventh hour.

I don't know where you are but assume your address is still Pleasanton.

Hoping you have been successful of late and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 20, 1922

Mrs. J. J. Dailey
Burnt Ranch, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Dailey:

Your letter addressed to me at Lagunitas has just reached me here in Washington.

I am greatly pained to learn that Mrs. Sally Noble is dead. She was a good woman. It is fortunate that Harrington and myself were able to obtain so much valuable material from her at the eleventh hour. Mr. Harrington is still in California and I am writing him by this mail, so you will doubtless hear from him in the near future.

I appreciate your courtesy in writing me and am greatly obliged.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 21, 1922

Mr. Daniel H. Newhall
154 Nassau St.
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your Book List No. 168, 1922. Please send me the following books from it together with bill for same:

No. 39 Farnham, Thos. J. Travels in the Californias, 1845, price $3.00.

No. 67 Hutchings, J. M., In the Heart of the Sierras, First Edition, 1886, price $3.25.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 St.

March 22, 1922

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

In making out pay checks for the current month please make the one for Miss Manie Gandy to cover the period from March 1 to 10 inclusive, and kindly send check addressed to her at Milano, Texas, Rural 1.

Miss Gandy has been in poor health for some time and finally gave up work and returned to her home in Texas.

In her place I have engaged as temporary stenographer, Mrs. Blanche M. Magness, who began work on the morning of March 9 and will continue to the end of the present month, at which time I expect to leave for California. I shall be obliged therefore if you will, at the end of the month, send a pay check at the rate of $5.00 per working day to her address, 256 - 9th Street N. E.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 St.

March 24, 1922

Mr. Val. A. Fynn
4954 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 19th inst. with photograph of the rug of one of your Grizzlies. Evidently the skin is one of unusual beauty. I have seen 1 or 2 like it from the Upper White River country of Alaska.

As to Allen Hasselborg I hardly know what to say. I have never seen him, although I have corresponded with him for years and he has sent me a number of valuable bear skulls. He has lived alone in the wilderness for so many years that I am told he has grown decidedly peculiar. Miss Anne Alexander of California who hunted with him some years ago was, if I remember correctly, well satisfied with him. Frederick Norton and George Shiras III who hunted with him later, reported him as cranky and disagreeable. The only man I know who has seen much of him in recent years is Elton Clark of Boston. He doubtless could give you thoroughly trustworthy information; and I think Fenley Hunter of Flushing, New York, was at his cabin last year and could also give you his impressions.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 St.

March 24, 1922

Mr. C. E. Rockford
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of March 14 concerning the number of Grizzly Bears given for the Shoshone National Forest in 1920, I think you missed the point of my letter which was that the number given is so preposterously large that one is led to suspect the accidental addition of the figure.

If the Forest Service publishes a map covering Owens Valley in Eastern California, I should be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me 2 copies.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 St.

March 24, 1922

Mr. William Drayton Jr.
Secretary, Wilderness Club
1316 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Mr. Drayton:

Very many thanks for your kind invitation to be present at the Annual Dinner of the Wilderness Club tomorrow night. But unfortunately I am on the eve of departure for California and therefore shall have to forego the pleasure.

With best wishes for a successful and enjoyable evening,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 St.

March 24, 1922

Dr. Herbert I. Priestley
Bancroft Library
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Doctor Priestley:

Herewith I am enclosing (shipped by Express) the proof sheets of the second part of your most valuable article on Franciscan Exploration of California.

I apologize for keeping it so long. I was detained in Johns Hopkins Hospital longer than expected and since my return have been overwhelmed with accumulated work.

Your article is a storehouse of information which I hope may be published in permanent form as early as practicable so that it may be available to students of California History and California Indians. I greatly appreciate your courtesy in letting me use it.

I expect to leave Washington for Southern California in a few days and hope to see you at Berkeley later on in the season.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 St.

March 24, 1922

Mr. E. B. Meritt
Assistant Commissioner, Indian Office
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Meritt:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th inst. giving me the postoffice addresses of the several Indian schools and agencies in California and Nevada, concerning which I made inquiry.

I shall be glad to hear from you in respect to the use of the name "Digger" as applied to a California tribe. The injustice of continuing such a meaningless and humiliating term is so obvious that the only question would seem to be in regard to the quickest method of getting rid of it.

I have worked in California for more than 30 years. I have nearly succeeded in completing my large scale maps showing the distribution of the different tribes and the locations of their rancherias, and since I am no longer young, I am anxious to complete the work as soon as possible and expect to return to California in a few days. It would be of assistance to me in this connection if you would give me the locations of the small reservations or tracts of land purchased for remants of Indian tribes in various parts of California, as requested in my letter of March 9.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 St.
March 25, 1922

Chief Topographer
Post-office Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me by bearer, for official use, 2 copies of the post route map of California on thin paper.

I am locating and platting the sites and names of Indian villages in California, many of which may prove of considerable value to the Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

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1919 - 16 St.

March 25, 1922

Mr. Alfred M. Collins
President, Wilderness Club
222 Columbia Avenue
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Mr. Collins:

Your letter of the 23rd inst. has only this moment reached me. You sent it special delivery, addressed at the Biological Survey where I have not been for several years. The Biological Survey people readdressed it to my house address, as you will see by the enclosed part of your envelope, so that it has only just arrived in the morning mail; hence kindly pardon my apparent discourtesy in not letting you know beforehand that I could not come.

On receipt of the invitation from the Secretary, William Drayton, Jr., a day or two ago, I immediately replied that it was impracticable for me to accept. I had expected to go to California a week ago, but the sudden appearance of a delegation of California Indians has delayed me until the present time, as one or more of them are working with me at my house every day. However I shall be off in a few days.

I know you must have had a splendid meeting and I am sorry that I could not have enjoyed it.

With regrets and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 St.

March 25, 1922

Col. H. C. Rizer
Chief Clerk, U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me for official use, copies of the survey map sheets asked for in my letter of the 9th inst.

And I am particularly obliged for your kindness in sending me from your reserve stock, copies of Water Supply Papers 490-A and 490-B, containing the much desired maps of the Colorado and Mohave Desert regions.

When Papers 490-C and 490-D containing similar maps extending as far east as Phoenix are ready for distribution, I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me one copy each addressed to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 St.

March 27, 1922

Mr. Will C. Barnes
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Very many thanks for your letters of the 22nd and 25th instants, just received, and also for the accompanying maps, all of which are of use in my work.

I am very glad to have the supplemental report with additional data from the District Forester at Missoula, but have a suspicion that the record of 200 Grizzlies for Flathead will turn out like the one you have just reduced from 226 to 50.

Thanking you very much for the trouble you have taken in this matter and for the additional maps,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 St.

March 29, 1922

Mr. Val. A. Fynn
4954 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 26th inst. I have just written Dr. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, and am enclosing herewith a carbon of my letter.

Trusting that this covers the ground satisfactorily,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P. S. As I think I wrote you before, we are very anxious to secure specimens of bears from as many points as possible along the coast of the mainland of SE Alaska. From time to time we have received specimens labeled from mainland points, but owing to the circumstance that the person sending them was usually a trader or fur dealer, we are unable to rely on the alleged localities. —

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1919 - 16th St.

March 29, 1922

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief, Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Nelson:

A letter just received from Val. A. Fynn of Saint Louis requests me to write you as to the number of specimens of bears desired from the localities he purposes to hunt during May and June of the current year, namely, Admiralty Island and the Iskut and Scud Rivers on the British Columbia side of the mainland.

In view of the fact that we need all the specimens we can possibly get from these places--the more the better--I would suggest that he be given a permit for Admiralty Island and the mainland of SE Alaska.

Inasmuch as Mr. Fynn expects to leave Saint Louis on or about April 15, whatever he needs in the way of a permit should be sent as early as practicable.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 1, 1922

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the month of March, amounting to $49.04, together with vouchers as per list on another part of this page, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

J. W. Scollick, cleaning skulls $6.50
S. R. Capps, bear skull $5.00
A. H. Twitchell, bear skull $12.00
Zenaida Merriam, services $50.75

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1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

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1	W. J. Gerhard, books	1	2	78
3	Daniel H. Newhall, books	2	5	25
7	Spreadborough 'Mammals Rocky Mts. Canada'		1	50
8	S. N. Rhoads, books	3	6	06
9	Smith Book Co. 'Tisayac Yosemite'	4	1	39
14	Canadian Alpine Journal	5	1	50
16	Williams & Wilkins Co., Separates	6	1	50
21	5 Topographic Sheets	7		50
23	Daniel H. Newhall, books	8	6	25
24	1/2 dozen stenographer note books	9		80
24	Macoun Memorial Volume	10	3	00
24	S. N. Rhoads, 'Abbott Thayer on Coloration'		1	25
25	Expressage to Bancroft Library, Berkeley, Calif.	11		50
27	2 pots paints for maps			50
30	Electric Current, Feb. 21 to March 21, 1922, $7.40, one-third	12	2	47
	Journal of Mammalogy		2	75
	Stamps and stamped envelopes		1	94
	Charwoman, Cleaning Office Rooms, March	13	5	00
	American Anthropologist for 1922		4	00
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Hon. Carl Hayden
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of March 28 enclosing a letter dated March 24 from the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce suggesting that the name of Salt River and Valley, Arizona, be changed to Roosevelt River and Valley, would say that I brought the matter to the attention of the Executive Committee of the U. S. Geographic Board yesterday. It is the judgment of the committee that before voting on such a radical change, it would be well to obtain the sentiment of the people of Arizona as a whole. This might be expressed in a resolution of the Legislature.

In compliance with your request the letter from the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce is herewith returned along with a carbon of this letter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board.

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April 6, 1922

Dr. Herbert Lang
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Doctor Lang:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst. relating to a coming exhibition of photographs of mammals to be held at the Museum, would say that as I am now getting ready to go to California for the season, it is impracticable for me to attempt to dig up the few successful photographs I have been able to take of mammals in the field.

You ask for names and addresses of persons who have taken photographs of wild mammals. I remember the following offhand, and there are of course many others. I abstain from mentioning George Shiras III. and Norman McClintock, as you of course know them.

H. H. Pittman, Hartney, Manitoba.

S. N. Leek, Jackson, Wyoming.

E. R. Warren, 1511 Wood Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

J. E. Haynes, Selby & Virginia Aves., St. Paul, Minn.

Wish I could see the exhibit, as I know it will contain many photographs of interest.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 St.

April 6, 1922

Mr. George C. Diehl
President, Automobile Association
1108 - 16 Street
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Diehl:

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst., would say that I have been expecting to get off for my summer home in California before this but have been detained. It now looks as if I would be here on the 12th, in which case I shall be glad to attend the meeting of the Advisory Board which you have called for 3 P. M. on that date.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 St.

April 6, 1922

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief, Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Thanks for the copy of Luther Goldman's letter about the Lava Beds Bears.

Trusting that his work in this direction will pan out something positive,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 St.

April 10, 1922

Mr. E. B. Meritt
Assistant Commissioner
Office, Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Meritt:

Very many thanks for the schedule you have sent me showing the location of lands purchased for remnants of Indian tribes in various parts of California.

I am particularly glad to have this since it locates several small holdings which I have not visited.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 10, 1922

Hon. Chas. H. Burke
Commissioner, Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 6th inst. concerning the use of the name "Digger" as applied to a tribe of California Indians.

I am glad that you are not disposed to defend the use of this term but regret that you do not see your way clear to its discontinuance. If, as you state, its abolition might prove troublesome from a legal standpoint, I would suggest the introduction in the Indian Appropriation Bill of a brief clause abolishing it.

If you had talked with as many hundred California Indians as I have during the last 25 or 30 years, you could not possibly express any doubt as to the opprobriousness of the term to them. Their feeling is one of humiliation that so degrading a term should be applied to them officially by the Government of the United States. It is bad enough that some of the local whites use it. And do you really regard the fact that it is no more objectionable than certain other Indian names as a sufficient excuse for its continuance?

Trusting you will use your best effort to abolish the official use of the term,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 11, 1922

Editor, Arcata Union
Arcata, Calif.

Dear Sir:

A clipping from your paper of March 30, which I have just seen, mentions the capture of a Timber Wolf by Lawrence Ford of Liscom Hill.

I am very anxious to obtain this specimen for the National Museum Collection, and since I do not know Mr. Ford's address, I shall appreciate your courtesy if you will kindly forward this letter to him or make him acquainted with its contents.

Owing to the rarity of Timber Wolves in California, I should be willing to pay as much as $25.00 for the skin, if it is complete, and $10.00 additional for the skull, if it has not been smashed, but even if badly broken I would pay a fair price for it.

In case Mr. Ford is willing to let us have it, I shall be obliged if he will send it by Express (charges collect), addressed U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. His name and address should be plainly marked on the outside of the box and also on a tag attached to the specimen.

Trusting you will pardon me for troubling you in the matter,

Very truly yours,

E. H. [illegible]

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April 11, 1922

Dr. John C. Merriam
President, Carnegie Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Merriam:

Very many thanks for the copy "Livingston & Shreve on the Distribution of Vegetation in Relation to Climatic Conditions" received this afternoon.

I have not had time to do more than glance at it hurriedly, but can easily see that it contains a very large supply of information bearing on the questions so many of us are interested in concerning the distribution of life in the United States.

In glancing at the multitude of single page maps one is inclined to wonder whether reliable data exist for so much detail. The work certainly shows an enormous amount of painstaking research. Who will digest it and summarize the important facts it contains?

Shreve's colored map of "Vegetation Areas of the United States" (Plate 1), apart from the difficulty of discriminating certain of the colors, is an interestingly curious example of the mixture of major and minor facts of distributionon a single map.

I am mighty glad to have the book and shall go into it more deeply later on.

With many thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 St.

April 12, 1922

Dr. Walter K. Fisher
Director, Biological Laboratory
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Walter:

What kind of a beast is Cho-hen, an animal that lives in the sea, said to be about 7 inches long, with no shell, but with a red skin? It is hard. Inside is like meat and edible.

Is there a red Holothurian in the Monterey region? If not, have you any suggestion as to what the critter may be?

Hope things in general are progressing satisfactorily with you.

At this end of the line we have to report that Dorothy has a son not quite a week old, Henry Merriam Abbott by name. All doing well.

We expected to be in California before this, but the arrival of a delegation of California Indians overflowing with good material has detained me. Now we hope to reach Lagunitas about the 25th of this month.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 St.

April 12, 1922

Dr. John P. Harrington
528 Federal Bldg.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Your letter of the 5th inst. has just arrived along with the Monterey vocabulary and an appreciative poem to "Achista." I am glad to hear from you again and to know where you are.

Your vocabulary I see is from a nephew of Bevisna Torres and from Jacinta Gonzales from whom I obtained several hundred words and other matter in July 1906--16 years ago. Señora Torres told me that she came from the old rancheria at Sur, the name of which was Kah-koon tah-rook, and she said that her language was the same as the A-chēs-tah of Monterey.

I have just compared a number of words in your vocabulary with the same words in mine, and find as a rule excellent agreement, although there are some discrepancies. For instance, for tree, you have tish; while I have Mo'-yor. For elk, you have che-rech; while I have Te'-yook. For Abalone you give the Spanish name. They gave me Oo$^{ch}_{ch}$-ch. For the numeral 4, you have u-tin-ta; while I have two forms, O'-chit-tim and Oo-trit-tim. For hat, you have purps. They told me they never had any hats. For pipe, you have ka-nush; while I have Hoo'-rup. For wind, you have guth; while I have Tār. For night, you have mur; while I have Ōr'-pĕ-tro. For crazy, you have ru-pi-yast; while I have Mah'-se-est. For lazy, you have e-loh-sest; while I have Oo'-ne-yoost.

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The marine animal your informant calls cho-hen is too much for me. It may be a Holothurian. However I am writing Dr. Walter Fisher by this mail, giving him your description and asking if he knows what it is. Will let you know later.

The Snake given as li-san is the common Garter Snake (genus Eutania). Your wa-kach is the common big Toad that comes about the house evenings.

Your to-mins seal is the Sea Lion (genus Zalophus).

You have sirh for Eagle. I have Saer for the Bald Eagle and Seu-ker for the Golden Eagle; but was not able to get a fair series of bird and mammal names owing to the circumstance that old Señora Torres did not know or did not remember her names.

You give tach as "a kind of hairy rat." The nearest I can come to this is Topk, the Pocket Gopher.

You have an-sen as the name of the Blackberry, while I have En'-nem. You have ho-mun for Wolf. Does not the name suggest a kind of big Cat, as Bobcat is Hom? And is it not doubtful whether these people ever knew anything about the true Wolf as distinguished from the Coyote?

It makes me a little faint to see that you have adopted Kroeber's Spanish names for Indian tribes, using "Montereyano" in place of A'-chēs-ta.

Replying to questions, would say that both Mrs. Montgomery and Abe Bush were apparently in excellent health when I last saw them, but Mrs. Montgomery is a very old woman. Bush, on the other hand, is in the prime of life and has every appearance of

unusual strength.

I note what you say about the importance of getting place names in the Cho'lame and adjacent region. Possibly we may be able to arrange the joint trip you suggest at some time during the season.

Have you learned anything about the Yak-shoon at Salt Lagoon? There used to live at Monterey, a woman of this tribe or band named Anastacia Garcea. Her place was near the house of Mrs. Myers. Another Yak-shoon woman was Mrs. Austin whose earlier name was Prisca. She lived at the Laguna. It seems to me important to learn as much as possible about the Yak-shoon. Owing to my innocence of the Spanish language I was practically helpless.

Where is Hash-sho'-wen, and where are the hot springs spoken of as Aqua Caliente by the Monterey Indians? And where is the spring called Aqua Zarca? It certainly is important to locate these places if possible.

From the 2 old women, Beviana Torres and Jacinta Gonzales, I obtained 9 words or short sentences of Esélen, which of course are at your service.

Owing to a complication of circumstances I have not yet been able to have enlargements made of the 2 photographs you sent me.

For several weeks I have been both overjoyed and overwhelmed by an invasion of California Indians--the first I have ever known to visit Washington. They are from 9 different

tribes, and I am getting a splendid lot of material from them in addition to the verification of vocabularies previously obtained. Have secured the names and locations of dozens of rancherias not previously on my maps or lists. And one of the men will be here in a few minutes.

You will be interested to know that our married daughter, Dorothy Merriam Abbott, has a week old boy (our third grandchild). Our younger daughter, Zenaida, is now in Cambridge to help them out for the next few weeks.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16th St.

April 17, 1922

Mr. S. A. Rohwer
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rohwer:

Replying to your invitation of the 15th inst. to speak before the Biological Society on the evening of April 29 in comment on an address to be given on that evening by Dr. W. E. Ritter, will say that on the date mentioned I expect to be in California.

Wishing you a successful meeting,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 19, 1922

Dear Doctor and Mrs. Stephens:

It has been a long time since we have written you and you may be surprised to learn that we both are still in Washington. We appreciated Dr. Stephens' kindness in telegraphing, and should have written long ago.

Shortly after my return from the hospital, a delegation of 9 California Indians representing as many different tribes, suddenly appeared at our house. From that day until this I have been working with them and have not yet finished. One comes to the house nearly every day and the intervals are not long enough to enable me to fully write up the material obtained. Today a Wintoon from McCloud River is coming.

This has been a great opportunity and one I could not afford to miss, for it has saved me at least 2 or 3 months of field work.

The present outlook is that we may get away next week, but it will be impossible to set an exact date until I have finished with these Indians and have selected the various materials necessary to take to California.

During the last 10 days we have had a number of rains and the leaves have come out and grown to nearly their full size. But having neither car nor spare time we have not been out in the country.

Dorothy's boy was born on April 7 and weighed about 8 pounds. He is said to be a fine boy--a credit to his ancestors. All hands

are doing well. Zenaida is keeping house for Dorothy and running errands in Dorothy's Buick car. She expects to join us in California about the middle of May.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay St.
Alameda, Calif.

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April 19, 1922

Major E. A. Goldman
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Goldman:

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Lincoln Ellsworth concerning the possible existence of Grizzlies in the upper Kern country.

This is interesting and possibly true, but you leave me hung up in the air as to whether or not the mighty hunter, Ellsworth, has taken advantage of the possibilities of the trip!

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

[redacted]
1919 - 16 St.

April 22, 1922

Mr. Thos. J. Pilkington
San Anselmo, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Your letter dated March 29 and addressed to me at Berkeley has been forwarded in a roundabout way and has finally reached me. My summer home is at Lagunitas--not at Berkeley, which was formerly the home of John C. Merriam of the University.

Replying to your inquiry about Indians of the Hoc'-koo-d'-ko tribe, would say that there is little to be found in the literature concerning them. In 1907 I published a brief description of the geographic area owned by the tribe and gave the names and locations of 7 of their villages (American Anthropologist, Vol. 9, No. 2, pp. 355-356). Three years later in a book entitled 'The Dawn of the World'--myths and weird tales told by the Me'-wan Indians of California--I published several of their myths.

There are other references to the tribe, but it would be quite a job to look them up.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 St.

April 22, 1922

Dear Lyman:

Your letter of the 17th arrived duly and your friends, the Drews, called yesterday on the eve of their departure. They certainly are agreeable people and we were sorry not to see more of them. He seemed to have a feeling that you were working full hours.

Glad your family is united for the vacation.

The leaves on most of our trees are now fully out and the surrounding country is doubtless beautiful, though we have had no chance to see it as we have no car this year; and furthermore I am driving as hard as possible in order to get away.

The Indians from California are still here and are keeping me busy. However we hope to get off next week.

With love to you all,

As ever,
Hart

Mr. Lyman L. Merriam
Lyons Falls, N. Y.

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1919 - 16 St.

April 24, 1922

Mrs. Helen Dare
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Dare:

In compliance with your request, I take pleasure in handing you herewith a brief memorandum on the confusing use of the name 'Digger' as applied to Indian tribes in California and other Western States.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

THE TERM 'DIGGER' AS APPLIED TO INDIANS

During the past 75 years, the term 'Digger' has been applied loosely or specifically to the Shoshone, Piute, Gosiute, Bannok and Washoo tribes of Indians inhabiting various parts of the western United States, particularly in the states of Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Nevada.

In California it has been applied officially by the Government, through the reports of the Indian Office, to such widely separated and wholly unrelated tribes as the Pomo of Russian River, the Midoo of the Northern Sierra, and the Southern Mewuk of Yosemite region; while in the literature of the State and in the everyday usage of the white people it is forced to do duty for practically every tribe from Humboldt Bay to San Diego. Obviously therefore it is an utterly meaningless and confusing name, devoid of so much as a shadow of tribal significance. Not only is this the case, but what is far worse, it is a term implying inferiority if not contempt, and is highly objectionable to the Indians. Is there any reason why the Government should humiliate intelligent, friendly, and law-abiding Indians by continuing the official use of so offensive a term?

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April 25, 1922

Dr. John P. Harrington
528 Federal Bldg.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

Since writing you a short time ago I have had Mrs. Dailey's two photographs enlarged and am returning herewith the originals and also prints of the enlargements. They are not very good, regarded as photographs, but are the best that could be made from the originals.

A letter has just come from Dr. Walter K. Fisher, Director Hopkins Marine Laboratory at Pacific Grove, in reply to my inquiry about the 'Cho-hen.' He says: "I am half certain that Cho-hen is the big dark red chiton, Cryptochiton stelleri, which is common along this coast. It is oval, has a hard plush-like mantle which completely covers the 8 valves of the shell, and the length is upward of a foot. It is distinctly hard, very fleshy, especially the foot, and I have seen the valves in old kitchen-middens (which are almost continuous along the shore of the peninsula). The only objection is the shell; however this is not conspicuous, as in the abalone, but entirely hidden."

Hoping you are meeting with success,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16th St.

April 25, 1922

Dr. W. K. Fisher
Director, Hopkins Marine Station
Pacific Grove. Calif.

Dear Walter:

Very many thanks for your promptness in replying to my inquiry about the 'Cho-hen' of your region. I guess you are right as to its identity, but it would be a fine thing if you could prove it by showing a specimen to one of the few remnants of Indians still living in the Monterey region.

We had expected to be in California long before this but have been detained by the unprecedented opportunity to work California Indians at my house here in Washington. However, they go back the last of this week and we expect to get off a few days later.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

thing, I shall not have any evening clothes, as I expect to spend the entire season in the field.

We greatly appreciate your kindness and regret exceedingly that we cannot be with you on the date mentioned.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Marion R. Parsons
29 Mosswood Road
Berkeley, Calif.

April 25, 1922

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Dear Mrs. Parsons:

Your letter of the 19th inst. forwarded from Lagunitas has this moment arrived and I hope the delay has not proved an annoyance.

Mrs. Merriam and I had expected to go to California a month ago, but were detained by the unexpected arrival here of a delegation of Calif. Indians with whom I have been working ever since.

We now expect to get away some time next week, but the exact date is uncertain, as there is much to do after the Indians leave and there are a few things to be done to the house which so far we have been unable to get hold of the workmen for. Owing to this uncertainty we feel that we ought not to promise for the 10th. Another

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May 1, 1922

Mr. Alden Sampson
The Chastleton
16th & R Streets
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sampson:

It is with genuine regret that I find myself unable to find your papers, the titles of which you sent me a few days ago.

Since your letter came I have been continuously busy with California Indians and have spent two days in hearings at the House Committee on Indian Affairs, so that I have not had an opportunity to make much of a search until yesterday.

These papers came many years ago when I was still in the Biological Survey and had not yet established my personal files; otherwise they would now rest secure in files labled 'Animal Behavior' and 'The Senses.'

Therefore, I am reluctantly obliged to confess my inability to help you, which I very much regret.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 1, 1922

Mrs. Gertrude Bonnin
1830 California St.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bonnin:

The slip you were kind enough to give me a day or two ago contains the titles of several of your publications which I am anxious to possess. I am therefore enclosing check, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send copies to me at the above address.

Both Mrs. Merriam and myself were very glad to have you at our house for even so short a time Saturday evening, and we trust that you and Captain Bonnin will come again when you have more time at your disposal.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Encl.

1919 16th Street, Washington
May 1, 1922

Mr W. J. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution.
Dear Mr Adams:

Please send pay check for month of April, at rate of $5 per day, to Mrs Blanche M. Magness, for services as Stenographer, addressed to my care, 1919 16th Street, and charge to Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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1919 - 16 St.

May 2, 1922

Dr. C. G. Abbot
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Abbot:

In glancing over the Report of the National Academy for 1921 just received, I notice that my name is still included in the Section of Zoology and not in the Section of Anthropology. Possibly you may remember that I asked you two years ago to change me from the Zoological to the Anthropological Section.

At the meeting of a year ago I found that I had not been transferred, and asked Paul Brockett if I should write you in regard to the matter. He replied that that was not necessary, that he personally would see that the transfer were made. But since this failed, I wish to reiterate my request that I be transferred from the Zoological to the Anthropological Section.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 5, 1922

Dr. Herbert Lang
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Doctor Lang:

When I wrote you last I expected to leave for California in a few days, but the California Indians with whom I was working remained in Washington until day before yesterday, which explains my presence here at this late date.

Owing to this delay I have been able to have enlargements made of half a dozen photographs which I took in California in 1910 of Black Bears in Yosemite Valley and of a Buck in the velvet on the Lililouette. I am sending those to you herewith in the hope that they may reach you in time for your exhibition of mammal photographs, which I regret very much I shall not be able to see.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 5, 1922

Mr. Francis La Flesche
214 First Street S. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. La Flesche:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst., would say that on my return from California I shall be glad to comply with your request for a communication on Indians of Northern California.

The California Indians with whom I have been working did not return until day before yesterday, so that I am still here, though expecting to go West in a few days.

With best wishes to yourself and Miss Fletcher,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Washington, D. C. May 5, 1922

Dear Chapman:

Thanks for yours of yesterday, just received. I did not know that you had been here and am mighty sorry not to have seen you. Too bad you caught that cold. Hope you have unloaded it by now.

For the past 6 weeks I have been overwhelmed with Ethnological work in connection with the presence here of a delegation of California Indians speaking 9 different languages. It was a case of making hay while the sun was out. This accounts for my absence from the meetings of the National Academy, where I appeared only once--to hear J. C. Merriam's talk on Fossils of the McKittrick Asphalt Beds.

The Indians left here day before yesterday and now Mrs. Merriam and I are rushing things to close up and pull out for California. Zenaida is in Cambridge housekeeping for Dorothy until D. is able to again take matters into her own hands. You may not have heard of the recent arrival of a grandson, 3 weeks old today.

Glad you are going to South America again. You are accomplishing splendid things there and I congratulate you. Wish we could see you in California but suppose it is out of the question.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you both from both of us,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Frank M. Chapman
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Washington, D. C. May 5, 1922

W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am turning in my expense account for the month of April, amounting to $103.25, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

There are no accompanying vouchers this month.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 Street, Washington, D. C.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR APRIL 1922

		Subvoucher No.		
1922				
April 12	1 ream Munis Bond Typewriter Paper	1	2	00
April 17	Stamped Envelopes			55
April 19	International Journal Am. Linguistics, Vol. 2	2	5	00
April 19	Game Breeder; Subscription to April 1923		2	00
April 19	Science Monthly, 1922		5	00
April 21	Nelson H. Kent, printing enlarged photos Deer, Bear, Redwoods		4	50
April 29	G. Bonnin, 'American Indian Stories,' 'Old Indian Legends,' 'Americanize First Americans'		2	40
	Paid California Indians for services in obtaining vocabulary and other material during March and April 1922:			
	Harrison Diaz, Monache		4	00
	Wm. Fuller, Mewuk		15	00
	Alfred Gillis, Wintoon		10	00
	A. J. Hogan, Chowchilla		8	00
	Frank Isles, Poliklah		10	00
	Albert James, Soolahteluk		6	00
	Stephen Knight, Yokiah		13	00
	Albert Wilder, Karok		4	00
	Electric Current March 21 to April 21, $5.40, one-third	3	1	80
	Charwoman, waxing office floors $5.00; cleaning office rooms $5.00	4	10	00
			$103	25

One Hundred, Three Twenty-five

103.25

C. Hart Merriam

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May 9, 1922

Mr. Lawrence A. Ford
Box 563
Arcata, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of April 30 has just arrived, and I am very glad to know that you have the hide and remains of the skull of the Timber Wolf referred to in the Arcata Union of March 30.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will pack the skin, and all the fragments of the skull which you can find and ship by Express, charges collect, addressed U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Please write your name and address on the outside of the box and also on a tag attached to the skin and skull, so that when the specimen arrives there may be no possible doubt as to whom it is from. This is important for the reason that we receive several packages every day and in some cases have great difficulty in finding out who they are from.

If the skin is complete, I will pay you $25.00 for it as stated in my letter of April 11, and will pay for the skull what it proves to be worth.

Please send every piece of bone you can find that belongs to the skull, and all the teeth, if possible.

Thanking you for your promptness and courtesy in the matter,

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a. Hart Merriam

Was it a male or female? Ad in mea dat — killed?

Retake of Preceding Frame

May 12, 1922

Capt. Will C. Barnes
U. S. Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Barnes:

On December 16 I wrote you in regard to certain errors on the map of the Trinity National Forest.

In your reply you stated that you had referred the matter to the California office and would let me know later, but I have heard nothing further in regard to the matter.

Inasmuch as the cases mentioned are of a rather serious nature, causing endless confusion and making it impossible to define certain areas, on the basis of the map, I shall be very glad if you will kindly press the matter and secure the proper names, particularly for the streams mentioned.

To save repetition, I enclose herewith a copy of part of my letter of December 16 last, showing that in the case of 4 important streams the same names are repeated on both sides of Trinity River, so that 2 names are made to serve for 4 rivers--2 on each side of the Trinity.

The presence of the name South Fork Trinity River on the South Fork of Hay Fork is, of course, merely a clerical error which naturally would be corrected on the next edition.

I am particularly anxious to hear from you in regard to the names Browns Creek and Reddings Creek, so that I may know

which to choose of the streams bearing each of these names, and what name to use for the other.

Trusting that you will pardon me for again calling your attention to this matter,

Very truly yours,

E. Matt Thurmon

EXTRACT FROM LETTER DATED DECEMBER 16, 1921

The name Browns Creek is printed on two streams flowing into Trinity River at or near Douglas City, from both sides of the river--one flowing south, the other north; while, as a matter of fact, Browns Creek is the one shown east of Weaverville, flowing south.

The name Reddings Creek is printed on the map as a tributary to the Browns Creek which flows north to Douglas City. But the Forest Service people at Weaverville told me that the name Redding Creek belongs to the main stream resulting from the union of Browns Creek and Weaver Creek south of Weaverville, and flowing into the Trinity from the north a little above Douglas.

The South Fork of Hay Fork is erroneously labeled South Fork Trinity River.

Barker Mountain, nearly due east of Hay Fork Bolly, is spelled on the map Baker Mountain.

Some of the mountains on the 1920 sheet bear different names from those given on the earlier edition, and some are differently located.

Copied
E. Matt Thurmon

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May 12, 1922

Mr. Jas. W. McGuire
Coast & Geodetic Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McGuire:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th inst., just received.

The large scale chart of Humboldt Bay which you sent me arrived on Monday last and I returned it to you the same day. I was working under a good deal of pressure that day and did not do a very good job on the chart. Furthermore, I think I forgot to state that all the names I put on the chart are in the Soo-lah-te-luk language of Humboldt Bay.

During the coming summer I expect to do a good deal more work in this region and shall doubtless obtain additional names and also some corrections, which I shall be glad to add to the map.

I earnestly hope that you may be able to carry out your project for an Aboriginal American Atlas; and I wish I could answer your question as to what organization "would count it a privilege to further such an undertaking". If I knew, I should rejoice and be exceeding glad.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 12, 1922

Hon. Homer P. Snyder
Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs
House of Representatives

Dear Sir:

Permit me to bring to the attention of your Committee an unfortunate use of a term which may be easily remedied. I refer to the term 'Digger' as applied in a tribal sense to various Indian tribes.

During the past 75 years, it has been used loosely or specifically for the Shoshone, Piute, Gosiute, Bannok, and Washoo tribes of various parts of the Western States, particularly in Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Nevada.

In California the condition is worse than elsewhere, inasmuch as the name has been applied officially by the Government through the reports of the Indian Office to such widely separated and wholly unrelated tribes as the Pomo of Russian River, the Midoo of the Northern Sierra, and the Southern Mewuk of Yosemite region; while in the literature of the State and in the everyday usage of the white people it is forced to do duty for practically every tribe from Humboldt Bay to San Diego. Obviously therefore it is an utterly meaningless and confusing name, devoid of so much as a shadow of tribal significance. Not only is this the case, but what is far worse, it is a term implying inferiority if not contempt, and is highly objectionable to

the Indians. Is there any reason why the Government should humiliate intelligent, friendly, and law-abiding Indians by continuing the official use of so offensive a term?

Will you not kindly add a clause to the Bill under your charge, providing for the discontinuance of the official use of the term 'Digger' as applied to any tribe of Indians?

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

May 15, 1922

Dr. W. T. Hornaday, Director
New York Zoological Park

Dear Doctor Hornaday:

My long delay in replying to your inquiry as to the possibility of obtaining heads of Ovis nelsoni and Ovis mexicanus is not due to neglect or lack of interest. I have talked the matter over with both Nelson and Sheldon. Sheldon knows of the existence of a skull with the skin dried on from near the type locality of mexicanus. Nelson, it seems, has been investigating the practicability of obtaining his namesake from the desert region of Southeastern California. My efforts in other directions have failed utterly.

While in California during the present season, I will keep the matter in mind and let you know if I find any promising trail.

Regretting my inability to help you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 15, 1922

Col. H. C. Riser
Chief Clerk, U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Riser:

The recent circular of Survey publications contains the good news that several new map sheets of parts of California are now ready for distribution. I shall be greatly obliged therefore if you will kindly send me for official use, two copies each of the following:

Delta Ranch
Madera
San Luis Creek
Santa Rita Bridge

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Washington, D. C. May 16, 1922

Outdoor Life
Denver, Colo.

Please change the address of my copy of Outdoor Life for the summer from 1919 - 16 Street, Washington, D. C., to Lagunitas, Marin County, California, returning with the November number to the present address, 1919 - 16 Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

Washington, D. C.

Similar letters to:

National Geographic Society

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Boonville Herald

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Literary Digest

Washington, D. C. May 16, 1922

Dear Arch:

My, how time flies! The delegation of California Indians with whom I have been working for so long has finally returned to California and I am hard at work closing up the various bits of information obtained from them. Expect to finish this job today. The next job is to go over my maps and to select and pack for Lagunitas the various manuscripts and materials likely to be needed at that end of the line. It now looks as if we should leave within a week.

Zenaida is still in Cambridge keeping house for Dorothy but will either go with us or join us a little later.

With love to you and Angie and hopes of seeing you in the very near future,

As ever yours,

Mr. Arch M. Gilbert
Mills Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

May 16, 1922

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, Calif.

Dear Mr. Knight:

When I saw you last I thought you all were going to stay over long enough to read over your testimony before the Committee. I was very busy the first part of the week with meetings of the Government Geographic Board of which I am Chairman, and when I tried to connect with you again I learned that you had gone.

Mrs. Merriam and I expect to start for California within a week and we shall undoubtedly call at your place during the season. If you are away, we will try again later on.

My daughter, Zenaida, whom you met here, is still in Cambridge with our older daughter and her baby, but she will join us in California before long.

I have not heard anything from the House Committee since our hearing, which in my judgment was in the main rather one-sided and unfair. I am hoping for better luck in the future.

With best wishes and many thanks for your kindness to me, and for the large amount of information you were good enough to give me,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 16, 1922

Mr. Alfred Gillis
Heroult, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gillis:

You men got off a little sooner than I expected. I had intended to see you again, but was engaged for a couple of days in meetings of the Government Geographic Board of which I am Chairman. Then I found you had gone.

We are planning to leave for California the last of this week and I hope to see you at some time during the season.

I wonder if you know where any Indians live on Clear Creek or near Igo or Ono. If so, I would be greatly obliged if you will tell me where they live, as I want to talk with someone from that region.

I should be glad also to know of any good man at Redding, Anderson, and Red Bluff.

If you know of anyone at any of these places, I should greatly appreciate your kindness if you will drop me a line addressed to my summer home at Lagunitas, Marin County.

Our Hearing certainly was disappointing, but I have hopes for better luck in the future.

With best wishes, and with many thanks for the information you gave me while you were here,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 Street
Washington, D. C. May 17, 1922

W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am planning to leave for California about the first of the week to resume field operations in the northern part of the State.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly make the usual advance from the Harriman Fund of $500 for field expenses.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Harriman

Paid:
Pd. Check Nov 11, 1922 - Ledger p. 613.

1919 - 16 St.
Washington, D. C. May 17, 1922

Mr. L. A. Lambert
Picabo, Idaho

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 9 is at hand and I am glad to know that you are willing to let us have your Grizzly Bear skull from Laidlow Park for the price offered, namely, $10.00.

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1919 - 16 St.
Washington, D. C. May 17, 1922

Mr. George Kennan
Medina
New York

Dear Mr. Kennan:

For some time past I have been reading your Biography of E. H. Harriman. It is a remarkable book about a remarkable man. So many of the incidents related were familiar to me at the time of occurence, that your account is of vivid personal interest. The fullness and fairness of your treatment of the various themes leave nothing more to be desired, and after reading both volumes I do not find anything to criticise.

It is a matter of amazement to me that a man whose life interests have been literary rather than financial should be able to treat Mr. Harriman's business achievements in such a masterly manner.

It is a great satisfaction to me, and must be also to the Harriman family and numerous other friends, that this splendid tribute to his courage, fairness, and achievements is now a matter of permanent record.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman

1919 - 16 St.
Washington, D. C. May 17, 1922

Dr. F. T. Van Buren, Chairman
Labrador Committee, College Physicians & Surgeons
New York City

Dear Doctor Van Buren:

Acting on your appeal of the 6th inst., for support of the Labrador Medical Aid Station, I am enclosing herewith my check for $5.00, with best wishes for the success of this worthy undertaking.

The fact that I am doing what I can for the help of sick and needy California Indians will explain the smallness of my contribution.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman

1919 - 16 St.
Washington, D. C. May 17, 1922

Chevrolet Automobile Agent
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I expect to reach San Rafael within a week from the time you will receive this letter, and shall be obliged if you will kindly put my car in shape for the road.

I am writing the Willard Agent by this mail to deliver the battery to you.

Expecting to see you soon,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 St.
Washington, D. C. May 17, 1922

Sparrow Brothers
Willard Battery Agency
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I am expecting to reach California in a few days and shall be obliged if you will kindly deliver my battery, which I left in your hands about the end of last October, to the Chevrolet Agent in San Rafael so that he may put my car in condition for the road before my arrival.

I will pay the bill soon after reaching California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 Street
Washington, D. C. May 18, 1922

Hon. Herbert Putnam
Librarian of Congress

My dear Mr. Putnam:

I have a book published a couple of years ago by Hubert Howe Bancroft, the title page of which reads: "The Wild Tribes of West America | Being the entire section devoted to the author's series on the Native Races | Hubert Howe Bancroft | New York | The Bancroft Company".

It is undated and has no copyright. The preface, contents, and bibliography occupy pages v-xlvii; the body of the book, pages 1-797. There is no index.

While the material is from Bancroft's Native Races of the Pacific States, it has been reset.

Can you give me the date of publication?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 St.
Washington, D. C. May 19, 1922

Dr. Walter Hough
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doctor Hough:

In glancing through the Smithsonian Report for 1920, a copy of which was received by this morning's mail, I am pained to see that you still continue to use the utterly abominable and unjustifiable term 'Digger' in mentioning tribes of California Indians. This occurs on pages 611 and 638 and also on plate 48 of your interesting article on Racial Groups.

Probably no one knows better than yourself that for the past 75 years this term has been used loosely or specifically for the Shoshone, Piute, Gosiute, Bannok, and Washoo tribes of various parts of the Western States, particularly in Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Nevada.

In California the condition is worse than elsewhere, inasmuch as the name has been applied officially by the Government through the reports of the Indian Office to such widely separated and wholly unrelated tribes as the Pomo of Russian River, the Midoo of the Northern Sierra, and the Southern Mewuk of Yosemite region; while in the literature of the State and in the everyday usage of the white people it is forced to do duty for practically every tribe from Humboldt Bay to San Diego. Obviously therefore it is an utterly meaningless and confusing name, devoid of so much as a shadow of tribal significance. Not only is this the case, but

what is far worse, it is a term implying inferiority if not contempt, and is highly objectionable to the Indians. Is there any reason why the Government should humiliate intelligent, friendly, and law-abiding Indians by continuing the official use of so offensive a term?

I suppose there is little use in protesting against the silly term 'Pujunan', based on a typographical error but still perpetuated in scientific publications!

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Washington, D. C.
May 22, 1922

Col. J. A. McGuire
Editor, Outdoor Life
Denver, Colorado

Dear Colonel McGuire:

At last I am sending you the long promised article on Present Distribution of Grizzly Bears in the United States--with appropriate apologies for the delay.

It would have gone to you some time ago except for 3 unpremeditated interferences, namely: (1) A revision of certain data supplied by the Forest Service; (2) a protracted absence in Johns Hopkins Hospital due to a rather serious operation for double hernia; (3) the unexpected arrival here of a delegation of California Indians with whom I have been hard at work for a couple of months.

In connection with the article and for its better elucidation, I have prepared a very crude kind of a map showing the at present-inhabited areas in solid black. I have no hesitation in sending it, knowing that your waste basket is capacious and handy.

I am returning to California this week to undertake another season's field work. My address until November will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 St.
Washington, D. C. May 22, 1922

My dear Mrs. Harriman:

I have read with interest and satisfaction both volumes of Kennan's Biography of Mr. Harriman, which you were kind enough to give me when you were here a couple of weeks ago.

The book strikes me as remarkable from several points of view. The clearness and fairness of presentation impress one on every page, while the infinite detail in the accounts of financial enterprises of great magnitude show a remarkable adaptability on the part of the author, whose previous literary career would hardly be expected to have fitted him for such a masterful presentation of business transactions. And he has made the book interesting from beginning to end. I congratulate you that you were so fortunate in the selection of a biographer.

One can hardly read the book without realizing that Mr. Harriman was one of the few very great men this country has produced.

Mrs. Merriam and I were sorry that we were unable to see you again during your brief stay in town. The day after you called at the house I spent the entire day at a Hearing of the House Committee on Indian Affairs, and the following day (Sunday) you were out in the forenoon and left for New York in the afternoon.

We plan to return to California in a few days, and I shall be glad to obtain the information you wish concerning the Redwood groves. I think you would greatly enjoy an auto trip through

these wonderful forests, and if you can spare two or three days when in California in the early fall, it would give me much pleasure to act as your guide. In case the trip by auto from San Francisco might prove too fatiguing, you could go to Eureka on either the day or the night train, and from Eureka could visit by auto the most interesting groves both south and north of Humboldt Bay.

Please let me know when you go to California so that I may not be absent on a field trip.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. E. H. Harriman
1 East 69th Street
New York City

1919 - 16 Street
Washington, D. C.

May 23, 1922

Mr. Remington Kellogg
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

This morning's mail brought me a copy of your paper entitled 'Pinnipeds from Miocene and Pleistocene Deposits of California'. In looking it over hastily (as I am now packing for my season's field work in California), I am delighted to see that you have been able to assemble so much material, and that you have treated it in such a thorough and satisfactory manner, thereby advancing to a notable degree present knowledge of the group.

Forty years ago I undertook the collection of material with a view to the publication of a revision of the group. I began by collecting skulls, skeletons, and skins in the lower river and Gulf of St. Lawrence, and in 1883 went to Newfoundland and thence to the ice-floes between Labrador and Greenland in order to study Seals on the ice during the breeding season. From that time until the present I have continued the collection of material, bringing together what I suppose to be by far the largest collection extant of the North American living species. But I have never studied any of the fossil forms.

Your admirable paper therefore is greatly appreciated. It is always a satisfaction to see a much needed job well done and I congratulate you on having produced so important a contribution to

our knowledge of the Mammalia. Incidentally, your painstaking 'Check List of Fossil Pinnipedia' will be a great help to all future workers in the field.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16 Street
Washington, D. C.

May 23, 1922

Dear Doctor Hough:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday in reply to my protest against the use of the name 'Digger' for a California Indian tribe. I am very glad to know that you are willing to change the name to that of the tribe in question.

The proper name of this tribe is Middle Mewuk. There are three Mewuk tribes on the flank of the Sierra--Northern, Middle, and Southern. The group of houses shown in the Museum model is at Kuttoogah rancheria one mile north of the old mining camp known as Murphys. I have several photographs of these same houses taken by me many years ago; also of the Indians inhabiting this rancheria.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Walter Hough
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

Washington, May 23, 1922

Capt. Will C. Barnes
U. S. Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Barnes:

Thanks for yours of the 18th inst., just received. When you hear from the proper people about the Trinity map names, please drop me a line addressed to Lagunitas where we expect to arrive on Monday, the 29th of this month.

When you reach San Francisco, please phone to Lagunitas and inquire if we are there. There is only one phone in the place, and that is in the store close to the railroad. The store man will tell you whether or not we are away on a trip. If we are home, please leave your name and call number and I will call you up when I go for the mail. If you can spare the time, I should be mighty glad to meet you at Sausalito or San Rafael and bring you out to our place. This applies also to Mrs. Barnes, if she is with you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

PRESENT DISTRIBUTION OF GRIZZLY BEARS IN THE UNITED STATES

C. Hart Merriam

Of the wild animals inhabiting the western half of North America in the days of our forefathers, three were of surpassing interest. These were the Beaver, the Buffalo, and the Grizzly.

The Beaver, because of the value of its pelt, was the chief incentive to most of the hardy trappers and adventurers who sought their fortunes in our western wilds; the Buffalo, because of its size, the superiority of its flesh, and the ease with which its hides were converted into robes, was the most prized of the game animals; the Grizzly, because of its boldness and prodigious strength was universally respected, for of all American animals it was most to be feared and therefore most worthy of the hunter's rifle. Its place in America corresponds to that of the Lion in Africa, the Tiger in India. No animal left a deeper impress on the annals of exploration in the West. From the days of Lewis and Clark to those of Palliser and Colonel Pickett it was the ambition of every red-

blooded American to try his mettle, and even at the present day the mention of its name is enough to cause a thrill.

The territory claimed by the Grizzly when first challenged by the white man covered nearly two-thirds of the United States, extending from the shores of the Pacific ~~easterly~~ to the eastern edge of the Great Plains, along the Minnesota-Dakota boundary, and from far north in the Canadian provinces southward not only to Texas and Arizona, but even into Mexico as far as the mountains of the state of Durango.

Speaking in general terms, the Grizzly was a forest-loving animal. Nevertheless there were species on the plains, making their homes in the brushy arroyos and sallying out on the open grass-lands to attack the Buffalo.

Because of their size, strength, and uneven temper, they were justly feared by the native Indian tribes and their numbers did not suffer material reduction until long after the advent of the white man. But although they were conspicuous targets and few frontiersmen allowed one to pass without a challenge,

nevertheless the old time muzzle-loading rifles, small of caliber and tedious of action, were little more effective than the arrows of the Indians. So it was not until the arrival of breech-loading and higher power guns that the Grizzly found himself facing an enemy he was not qualified to meet. The inevitable result was decrease--a decrease that became more and more pronounced as the country became settled, until the survivors were forced to retreat to the mountain fastnesses; and as time went on these were more and more invaded by hunters until at present most of the species of Grizzly that inhabited the United States a century ago are already extinct, and of those still living the survivors are restricted to a few areas where unless rigorously protected they will soon disappear altogether.

For a number of years I have been collecting information on this subject, and through the kindly cooperation of the U.S. Biological Survey and Forest Service I have been able to map with considerable accuracy the few areas still inhabited by Grizzlies. This is shown graphically on the accompanying map, which

in connection with which the following details seem worth recording:

PRESENT DISTRIBUTION

The present range of Grizzly Bears within the United States is confined to what is commonly called the Rocky Mountain region, there being no recent authentic records from either the Great Plains or the Pacific Coast.

In the Rocky Mountains, Grizzlies still occur here and there from the Canadian boundary in northeastern Washington, northern Idaho, and northwestern Montana, southeasterly to northern New Mexico; while west and south of the Rocky Mountains proper, a few inhabit local areas in the desert lava beds of Idaho and Oregon, and isolated mountains in Utah, Arizona, and southern New Mexico. But the only parts of the United States in which they are still present in any considerable numbers are the northwestern corner of Montana and extreme northern Idaho, the Yellowstone National Park with adjacent territory on the north, east, and south, and certain mountainous parts of Colorado.

In the State of Washington a few still exist in the Wenatche-Chelan forests of the eastern slope of the Cascades, a few in the rough country in the northern part of Colville Indian Reservation just south of the Canadian boundary, and more in the Kaniksu forest adjoining the Priest Lake forest of northern Idaho.

In Idaho, which was one of their great strongholds, they are still fairly plentiful in the Priest Lake and Kootenai forests of the extreme northern end of the State, but elsewhere appear to be restricted to the Bitterroot, Lolo, Clearwater, and Salmon River Mountains, a narrow strip bordering Yellowstone Park on the west, and the Snake River lava beds between Minidoka and Arco where a "Dwarf" species is said to live. The Idaho National Forests from which they are reported are the Clearwater, Kaniksu, Pend Oreille, and Silway. Fifty years ago I saw several Grizzlies on the eastern border of Idaho in what was then known as Pierres Hole or Teton Basin, where two years later (September 20, 1874) the type specimen of Ursus idahoensis was killed by Richard Leigh, an old trapper better known as "Beaver Dick."

In Montana, they appear to be restricted mainly to the mountains of the western part where they occur in 3 areas of considerable size: (1) The northwestern corner, from the eastern edge of Glacier National Park westerly over the Kootenai and Priest Lake region of northern Idaho and the northeastern corner of Washington; (2) the Bitterroot Range on the Idaho-Montana boundary and adjacent mountains on both sides of Missoula River; (3) the mountainous region immediately north and west of Yellowstone National Park. The most easterly locality still inhabited is the Snowy Range--unless a few still exist in the Pryor Mountains. The Montana National Forests from which they are reported by the Forest Service are the Absaroka, Beartooth, Beaverhead, Bitterroot, Blackfeet, Cabinet, Flathead, Gallatin, Jefferson, Kootenai, Lewis and Clark, and Missoula.

In Wyoming, they are well known in and immediately adjoining Yellowstone Park and a few still remain in the Absaroka, Shoshone, Teton, Wind River, and Salt River Mountains, while farther east expiring remnants are still reported from the Bighorn Mountains on the north and the Medicine Bow Mountains on the south. Only two years ago specimens were secured in the Salt River Mountains south of Grand Canyon of Snake River and west of the upper part of Green River Basin.

In Utah, one or two are said to have thus far escaped destruction in the upper Weber River region of the Wasatch Range, a few in the eastern part of the Uinta Mountains, and in the Fishlake and Manti Forests. A few years ago they were fairly common in the Wasatch and Uintas and in the mountains east of the southern part of San Pete Valley, and occurred also on Pine Valley Mountain in the southwestern corner of the State.

In Colorado, where they seem to be holding their own better than elsewhere in the United States, they still occur in most of the mountain ranges and have been reported during the past two years from the following National Forests: Arapaho, Battlemont, Gunnison, Holy Cross, Montezuma, Rio Grande, Routt, Santa Isabel, San Juan, and White River.

In New Mexico, Grizzlies still inhabit two widely separated parts of the State, species from the Rocky Mountains coming south from Colorado in the Sangre de Cristo Range as far as the mountain country between Las Vegas and Santa Fe, while in the southwestern part other species occupy three disconnected ranges--the Mogollon, Black, and San Mateo Mountains of the Datil and Gila National Forests. Only a few years ago still

other ranges were inhabited, including the volcanic Mt. Taylor where the type specimen of the big cattle-killing Ursus parturbans was killed in July 1916.

In Texas, the last Grizzly was killed in the Davis Mountains November 2, 1890, by C. O. Finley and John Z. Means.

In Arizona, during my field work on the northern plateau in 1889, they were still to be found on San Francisco, Sitgreaves, and Bill Williams Mountains, but now are believed to be extinct except in isolated spots along the Plateau rim from the canyons of the Upper Verde south of Williams, southeasterly to the Arizona-New Mexico boundary. During the past year Grizzlies were reported by the Biological Survey and Forest Service from 3 localities along the southern edge of the Plateau, namely: (1) Upper Verde and Sycamore Canyons; (2) the Mogollons northeast of Payson; and (3) the Blue Mountains, Baldy, Rose Peak, Middle Mt. and Eagle Creek in the Apache National Forest. Farther south, one was reported from the Rincon Mountains northeast of Tucson. In the fall of 1918 one was killed in the Bradshaw Mountains southeast of Prescott;

and in early days Grizzlies of other species were killed in the Chuska Mountains in the northeastern corner of the State (on the Arizona-New Mexico boundary), and in the extreme south near Nogales on the Arizona-Mexico boundary.

Nevada.-- No Grizzlies are known from any part of Nevada.

California.-- It is possible that one or two Grizzlies may still be in hiding in some of the rugged mountains of California although long continued search has failed to discover them. In northwestern California and throughout the length of the Sierra Nevada, where formerly they were notoriously abundant and justly dreaded by Indians and miners, not one is known to be left. The last positive record is that of a female killed in the San Gabriel Mountains near Pasadena in October 1916.

Oregon.-- The last Grizzly killed in Oregon of which I have personal knowledge was shot with a set gun at the east base of the Cascade Range near old Fort Klamath a few miles north of Upper Klamath Lake in 1894 or 1895; and Sherman Powell records the killing of one in the Cascades on or near McKenzie River in

September 1894.

In former years they inhabited the Blue and Wallowa Mountains of northeastern Oregon, and the forest country and half-open valleys between the Cascades and the Coast Ranges as far north as Willamette Valley.

But in addition to the big Grizzly, we hear every now and then of a "Dwarf Grizzly" in the lava beds of eastern Oregon-- of which as yet no specimens have come to hand. Thus during the past year (1921) the Forest Service reports 15 "Dwarf Grizzlies" from the lava beds of the Fort Crook region in the Deschutes National Forest, and others ("very scarce") in vicinity of Silver Lake in the Fremont Forest. Here is an opportunity for some enterprising hunter to enjoy a fine outing and at the same time make a much needed contribution to the knowledge of our American game animals.

Total number left.-- It is impossible of course to ascertain just how many Grizzlies still remain in the United States, but the estimates of the Forest Service and Biological Survey in-

dicate the total to be not far from 800, of which by far the greater number are in Montana and Colorado.

For the information on which the present article is based I am indebted mainly to officers and rangers of the U. S. Forest Service and to officers and predatory animal inspectors of the U. S. Biological Survey. Limitation of space forbids detailed acknowledgment to individuals.

Appeal for aid.-- There are a number of kinds of Grizzlies--some large, some small; some with domed skulls, some with flat skulls; some with big teeth, some with little teeth--but the specimens in our museums are far too few to furnish the data needed for mapping the areas inhabited by the different species. Persons possessing, or knowing the whereabouts of Grizzly skulls, no matter how old or imperfect, will confer a favor by notifying the author.

1919 - 16 Street
Washington, D. C.

May 24, 1922

Mr. John Rowley
Los Angeles Museum
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Rowley:

Your letter reaches me just as I am leaving for my summer headquarters at Lagunitas, Marin County, California. It is therefore impracticable for me to attend to the return of Mr. Simson's Bear skulls. This, however, can be done by the Biological Survey during my absence, if it is necessary.

I should much prefer to keep them another season, as I have by no means completed their study. Additional skulls of Big Bears from the coast region of Alaska and British Columbia are still coming in, and it is very desirable to go over them for the last time when all are together.

During the past winter, owing to pressure of other work, and also to my absence for a period in Johns Hopkins Hospital, I have not been able to do any work on the Bears, so if I may retain these skulls another year, it will be very helpful.

I hope to see you in Los Angeles before returning to Washington, and shall greatly enjoy a look at the wonderful collections I am hearing about. What a splendid thing it is that Mr. Simson is placing on the Pacific Coast such a magnificent collection of African game animals.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. Heller

Washington, D. C.
May 24, 1922

R. A. Whall, Manager
Metropolitan Air Goods Company
Athol, Mass.

Dear Sir:

About a year ago you sent me, addressed to my summer home at Lagunitas, California, a Browny Camp Pad size No. 1, 25 by 48 inches. This proved very satisfactory, and I shall be obliged if you will send me another, with bill for same, at your early convenience.

If you send by Express, address me at San Geronimo, Marin County, California (there being no Express office at Lagunitas). If you send by parcel post, address me at Lagunitas, Marin County, California. In either case, send bill to latter address.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam.

Washington, May 24, 1922

Cashier
Crocker National Bank
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of Washington, D. C. for Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00), which kindly credit to my account.

My address until November will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California, as usual.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam.

1919 - 16 Street
Washington, D. C.

May 25, 1922

Mr. Horace M. Albright
Assistant Director, National Park Service
Yellowstone National Park

Dear Mr. Albright:

There are just two spots in the whole world where several perfectly distinct species of Grizzly Bears occur either together or in the same region. One of these places is Stikine River in British Columbia; the other is Yellowstone National Park.

The probable explanation of this extraordinary fact is not that the Park is the center of distribution or evolution of different Bears, but that a number of species originating elsewhere have gradually extended their range until they have met in this region.

Owing to the pitifully small number of skulls of Grizzlies thus far obtained from the Park, it has been impossible to determine the characters of the males and females of the several species and to ascertain the facts of their present distribution. It is of the utmost importance therefore to obtain more specimens, particularly skulls of adults from the Park. Can you not help in this matter? I am sure that you can.

During the past dozen years I have been able to place in our National Museum about 2000 skulls of Big Bears from various parts of western North America. The extent of the collection is unprecedented, and future students of Bears for all time to come

will be obliged to work with the National Museum series. For this reason every effort should be made to increase the usefulness of the collection before all of the species have become extinct--for as you doubtless know, most of the species of United States Grizzlies have already disappeared from the face of the earth.

I shall be glad of course to pay all expenses connected with the securing and shipment of specimens, and also to pay the man who gets them for his trouble in the matter.

In case you are able to secure any Grizzly skulls for us during the coming season, I shall greatly appreciate your courtesy in the matter. Such specimens should be securely packed and shipped by Express (charges collect), addressed U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. All skulls should be tagged with the name and address of the collector, and the locality, and approximate date of killing.

You may be interested to know that it is just 50 years since I visited Yellowstone Lake and Geyser Basins.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 25, 1922

Mr. F. W. Ashby
Superintendent Reading Room
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly permit Miss Stella R. Clemence to have desk space for her typewriter at the Congressional Library. She will be working there for me for several months, and would be glad to have access to her typewriter at any hour when the Library is open.

Miss Clemence will require no introduction, having worked in the Library at different times for a number of years.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman, U. S. Geographic Board

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1919 - 16 St.

May 25, 1922

Capt. E. Keefe
Police Station No. 8
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

My home, 1919 - 16 Street, will be closed for the summer on or about the 26th inst., and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly request your patrolmen to notice the premises from time to time as they pass.

There is a gang of bad boys in the neighborhood who take special delight in climbing on top of my garage and inflicting various damages to the property, such as tearing down down-spouts, smashing windows, garage skylight, etc. A great deal of damage was done during my absence last summer.

The house will be closed during the absence of my family in California until about the end of October.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Washington, May 25, 1922

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

As usual, I have been delayed beyond expectation in getting off for California, but am now leaving.

I am enclosing three bills which I shall be obliged if you will pay direct from the Harriman Fund--one to B. W. Huebsch for Parson's 'American Indian Life', $6.14; one to Science Press for $7.50, and one to L. A. Lambert, Picabo, Idaho, for one Grizzly Bear Skull, $10.00.

I shall be obliged also if you will send a pay check to Mrs. Blanche M. Magness, 256 - 9th Street NE, at the rate of $5.00 per day, as heretofore, for services as stenographer and typist from May 1 to 30 inclusive.

My address until the end of October, or until further notice, will be Lagunitas, Marin County, California.

Thanking you for numerous courtesies, and with best wishes for a comfortable summer,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 - 16 Street
Washington, D. C.

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May 26, 1922

Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On and after this date, and until the latter part of October, my address and that of my family will be Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif. I shall be obliged therefore if you will have all incoming letter mail addressed to C. Hart Merriam, Mrs. C. Hart Merriam, and Miss Zenaida Merriam, forwarded to Lagunitas, Calif.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Washington, May 26, 1922

Washington Gas Light Company
413 - 10th Street
Washington, D. C.

Today I am leaving for California and do not expect to return until the end of October. I have turned the gas off where it enters my house, 1919 - 16 Street.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Washington, May 26, 1922

Water Department
District Building
Washington, D. C.

Today I am leaving for California and do not expect to return until the end of October. I have turned the water off where it enters my house, 1919 - 16 Street.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartz Harrison -

Washington, May 26, 1922

Potomac Electric Power Company
231 - 14th Street
Washington, D. C.

I have today closed my house, 1919 - 16 Street, for the summer and am leaving for California to be gone until about the end of October. I have turned the current off from my house, at the switch under the front steps.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartz Harrison -

1919 - 16 Street
Washington, D. C.

May 26, 1922

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.
725 - 13th Street
Washington, D. C.

Today I am closing my house for the summer and do not expect to return until the end of October. I shall be obliged therefore if you will turn my phone off. Phone number North 5198.

Very truly yours,

C. Hartz Harrison -

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Lagunitas, Calif.
June 6, 1922

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for May, amounting to $208.50, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

On the way home with the car I had a tire blowout and had to go back to San Rafael and buy a new tire. As only one good one is left from last fall, I bought two good ones (cost $72) but did not get the receipt. Will try to get and send later.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C.Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense account for May 1922

May				
26	Sleeper, Washington to San Francisco		31	50
	Baggage out .60; Dinner on B&O Diner $1.25		1	85
27	Chicago: Porter25; hand baggage 20; street cars 20			65
30	Meals en route, May 27-30 $14; Porter 1		15	00
	San Francisco: Baggage .45; street cars .20			65
	Fare, S.F.- Lagunitas .96; Baggage in 1.00		1	96
31	San Rafael: Union Garage Storage of Car Oct.-May30	1	36	50
	Sparrow Bros.Storage & charging Battery	2	7	25
	Kaenel & Becker: Oil, grease, & labor on car	2½	9	10
	Gasoline, 10 gals @24 cts		2	40
	Car License for 1922(State tax)		6	50
	Expressage on MSS & Vocabularies from Washington	3	12	19
	Postage & stampt envelopes		1	70
	Carbon paper		1	00
	Field note book			65
	Hornaday's Minds & Manners of Wild Animals		2	50
	Kaenel & Becker, San Rafael:2 New Ajax tires & tubes	4	72	00
	Charwoman, Cleaning office rooms,Washn. month May	4	5	00
			208	50

Two hundred, eight))))))))) fifty)))

208.50

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Calif.
June 5, 1922

Mrs J.J. Dailey
Burnt Ranch, Calif.

Dear Mrs Dailey:

On arriving here a few days ago I found a couple of bushels of accumulated mail, and in going through it have come to your letter and parcel dated May 9. Am very glad to see the plants. The big one is Fritillaria lanceolata. It has several common names: Bronze Bells; Mission Bells, and Rice root. It is one of the Lillies and is very common right here about my house, where at the present time dozens of its tall stalks are conspicuous with their numerous winged green pods.

The smaller plant is the beautiful orchid Calypso. Its botanical name is Calypso borealis. It grows in the Adirondack mountains near my former home in northern New York, and also here on Mt. Tamalpais, and I have found it also in the Rocky Mts. and in Alaska.

I have not heard from Mr Harrington lately and do not know where he is at present.

I shall be glad at any time to identify plants for you.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

Lagunitas, Calif.

June 6, 1922

Mr Fenley Hunter
Flushing, New York

My dear Mr Hunter:

You have good reason to think me unappreciative and ungrateful, whereas in reality I am neither. Instead of reaching Lagunitas about the end of March, as expected, I arrived less than a week ago. Had a flood of things to attend to all at once, not to mention a couple of bushels of accumulated mail.

So at this late date I am acknowledging your letter and the fine album of Hasselborgiana with additions--including your letter of May 8--all of which I am very glad to have.

By this mail I am sending the promised map of Alaska showing areas from which skulls of Big Bears are badly needed--the darker the blue the more they are needed. Any skull of an adult Big Bear from any part of Alaska or British Columbia will be helpful, but skulls from the large areas indicated are particularly important.

Have done a lot of work with Indians of half a dozen tribes since I saw you and have secured a splendid lot of material. And in a few days Mrs M. and my daughter and I are starting north by auto in the hope of finishing with several tribes,

Should you by any chance come to the Coast this season we should be mighty glad to show you some of the country about Mt Tamalpais.

With many thanks and kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
June 7, 1922

Col. J. A. McGuire
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Colonel McGuire:

Thanks for your letter of May 31, with enclosure. My personal observations on Grizzlies were made so long ago that they have no bearing on present conditions, for which reason I had to rely on data furnished by the Biological Survey and Forest Service, as stated in my article. The Forest Rangers or Supervisors gave figures for a number of the National Forests, and these I accepted as approximate and as likely to offset one another in matter of relative abundance, having nothing to check by.

But as your information on this head seems to be more authentic, I am entirely willing to be guided by your judgment, and authorize you to change the statement on top of page 11 of my MS to read "of which by far the greater number appear to be in Montana and Wyoming."

On page 7 you may strike out the clause reading "where they seem to be holding their own better than elsewhere in the United States." The enumeration of the Colorado National Forests in which they are said to occur is from the Forest Service. If you know any of these to be wrong, kindly strike out. It is hard to get reliable data where one is forced to rely on the reports of a lot of different men, many of whom are not hunters.

Hope the "map" arrived finally.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 10,1922

State Highway Commission
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send me a copy or blue print of your map of Coast Highway along Russian, South Fork Eel and main Eel Rivers?

During the past three years I have driven over this road fourteen times, and shall go over it again in a few days. I am locating the old boundaries of the Indian tribes and the sites of their villages, and obtaining their native names for the various geographic points along the way. But I have no good map on which to plat the data secured.

I have numerous Indian names for localities along the coast in the Humboldt Bay region and thence north to the Lagoons and Klamath mouth, and should appreciate a map of this part of the route also, if you have one to spare.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

June 15, 1922

Rev. F. G. Collett
Indian Board Cooperation
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr Collett: Thanks for your letters of May 27 and June 8, which have been forwarded from Washington.

I incline to agree with your position in the matter of the trust patents, feeling that for the present at least the matter had better rest.

In the matter of the obnoxious term "Digger" I had not thought a special bill necessary, but believe that the insertion of a clause in the regular Indian appropriation bill will be sufficient. With this in view I wrote the Chairman of the House Committee on Indian Affairs on May 12, reciting the facts substantially as stated in my letter to the Commissioner and in the statement quoted by you in your letter of May 20 to the Commissioner, and urged him (Hon Homer P.Snyder) to insert in the bill a clause "providing for the discontinuance of the official use of the term 'Digger as applied to any tribe of Indians".

My address till end of October will be Lagunitas, Calif., where I work between field trips.

Very truly yours,

I forgot to add that the name of the particular tribe in Tuolumne County to which the term Digger is officially applied by the Indian Office is Mewuk. I think they apply the same name to the Northern Midu, but am not sure.

Lagunitas, Calif.
June 15, 1922

Mr Donald Dickey
514 Lester Avenue
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr Dickey:

Your letters of May 23 and June 3 have reached me here at our California home, which will be our headquarters until the end of October.

Sorry to miss you when you pass thru Washington, but hope to see you all here at Lagunitas after your return.

The loss of that Grizzly skull certainly is a calamity, as another skull would have been most helpful in establishing the characters of the species. One of the saddest things about my work with the Big Bears has been the absence of suitable series of adult males od several of the species.

We--that is, Mrs Merriam, Zenaida and I--are just about setting out on a camping field trip in the mountains of the northwestern part of the State. We have a big seasons work ahead and expect to be in the field most of the time till the rains drive us out. With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, Calif.
June 15. 1922

Major E. A. Goldman
U. S. Biological Survey

Dear Goldman:

Thanks for your last letter, received before leaving Wash[n].

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Owing to the moist and long spring the vegetation is more than usually luxuriant, and the flowers 2 or 3 weeks late, as a result of which the whole country is in bloom and wonderfully beautiful.

Speaking of flowers, we have a California Quail's nest within 8 feet of the porch(under a fern); a Hutton Vireo nest within 3 feet of the garage; a Hummingbird's nest in a live oak close to the kitchin, and another Hummer's nest on top of a fern frond close by. Besides these an Olive-sided Flycatcher and a Western Flycatcher and a pair of Wilson Piolated Black caps have nests within a few rods of the house, and Does with Fawns (especially the Fawns) are a nuisance, breaking down the new-grown ferns.

Kind regards to all,

Prof Harvey M. Hall
Berkeley, California

Lagunitas, Calif.
June 15, 1922

Dear Professor Hall:

The Merriam family have been in mourning ever since we found your ticket on the door, on returning from a business trip to the City. We hoped you would repeat, but so far no botanists have appeared.

As to the waterproofing: Elizabeth encloses her memory of the proceeding. She is not kwite sure of the kwantity of wax, but I remember that Vernon Bailey (who dips his Boy-Scouts in the stuff) says to keep putting in the paraffin till the gasoline will take in no more.

So you are going to the Sierra! I envy you, tho we are about setting out for another good country--the mts of the north-west It's a pity we have to pull away in opposite directions, but such is the life of the field worker.

When we both are home again you must bring the Hall family to Lagunitas. We all want to see you all, and besides, I have some maps which I think will interest you.

Sorry we can't enjoy that ride in Mrs Hall's new car--even tho it be a Ford or a Franklin!

When you next see the Clements-es and Parish-es please tell them how sorry we were to miss their call, and how much we hope they will come again when we are home. By the way, a phone to Lagunitas always lands in the store (there being no other phone in the place) and the storekeeper, who also is the postmaster, knows whether the Merriams are home or off on a trip.

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With love from all of us to you all, a s ever,

Lagunitas, Calif.
June 16, 1922

Dear Miss Clemence:

After all, I came away without that splendid Karok geagraphic Village list, with the names in sequence from above Happy Camp down to Orleans and Bluff Creek, and with the side of the river in columns. It is not among the Tribe Lists I have here, nor among the vocabularies or miscellaneous notes.

I shall be greatly obliged therefore if you will escort Vernon Bailey to the garage and get it and send to me here.

The spring in northern California has been colder and wetter than usual, and the summer correspondingly delayed. Hence there is more verdure than normal at this season, and more plants are in blossom than we usually find.

Trusting that you are having a comfortable summer and that Miss Dodge is behaving above reproach,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Folks all well at this end of the line.

Miss Stella Clemence
Washington, D.C.

Lagunitas, Calif.
June 17, 1922

Dear Vernon:

Please give the enclosed to Miss Clemence and take her to the garage to get the Karok Geographic village list, which I came away without. The garage key you both will remember (I hope) is in a small pasteboard box in a top drawer of Zenaida's desk.

Do things in general and particular look all right at the house?

Greatest lot of birds nests about the house this year: Vireo huttoni, two Hummers, Olive sided Flycatcher, Western Flycatcher, Pileolated Blackcap, Valley Quail--and doubtless others. The Quail has 18 eggs under a fern less than 10 feet from the porch. And I forgot to mention the Thrushes, Black-headed Grosbeaks and several others.

Three Fawns close to the house one day. And such verdure and such flowers I never saw here before--result of late spring.

But it's too tedious to try to hammer it all out on the machine, so you will have to bring Florence and see for yourselve

Love to you both,

As ever,

Hart

Am shipping to you the 3 Vocabularies I spoke to you about, to put in a file case in the garage. If they arrive before you go to the house with Miss Clemence, she might put them exactly where they belong--so they will be in their proper berths.

June 22, 1922

Mr Paul G. Redington
District Forester
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr Redington:

Your letter of the 19th instant gives me much pleasure. The Merriams at Lagunitas will be greatly pleased at any time to see you and any other members of the Forest Service at our country home. We are away on field trips a good deal of the time--and are starting tomorrow for the mountain region on the upper Mad and upper Van Duzen rivers--but the storekeeper-postmaster at Lagunitas who has the only phone in the settlement, always knows when we are at home. He answers all Lagunitas phone calls.

I am perpetually indebted to the Forest Service for maps and various courtesies, and have colored up a lot of maps showing the distribution of various animals, plants, and Indian tribes which I think you may be interested to see.

Hoping to see you and other members of the Service in the not distant future, and with kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

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Lagunitas, Calif.
July 12, 1922

T.E.Farrow, Esq. Mgr.
Yosemite Park Co.

My dear Sir;

In compliance with your request of June 12, forwarded from Washington and received on my return from a field trip in the north, I take pleasure in mailing you herewith a copy of my paper on Indian place-names in Yosemite, so far as they relate to former village sites. I have not yet published the list of geographic names but expect to do so in connection with a booklet on the Indians of the Valley.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

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Lagunitas, Calif.
July 12, 1922

Mr C. S. Sloane, Secretary,
U.S. Geographic Board
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr Sloane:

Many thanks for the letterheads and envelopes received on my return from a field trip in the mountains of Trinity and Humboldt Counties, and also for copies of the Fifth Report. Shall be glad to see the supplementary report when issued.

Am enclosing a request from Hon. Willis C. Hawley, which please satisfy.

During my recent trip--a very hard one--I succeeded in finding some of the most remote and little known (I might say unknown) Indians in the state, and secured from them and other tribes at least 100 geographic names previously unknown.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Calif.
July 12, 1922

Hon. Willis C. Hawley, M.C.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 3d instant, forwarded from Washington, I am asking the Secretary of the Geographic Board to send a copy of the Fifth Report of the Board to H.S.Bosshard State Printer, Salem, Oregon.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

Lagunitas, Calif.
July 12, 1922

Dear Miss Clemence:

Thanks for the Karok list and for your letter and account.

Glad you are so well fixt at the Library and that the Spanish manuscripts look promising. Glad also that you are gradually mastering the mysteries of Miss Dodge.

Our poor car was a sight when we got out of the high mts between upper Mad River and Eel River. We took a just cut-out horseback trail said to be wide enuf for a car over high mts and along the rims of deep canyons, and--came out alive; but the car! We had to keep butting into the bank to keep from dropping off on the other side, with the natural result that one hub-cap was torn off and lost, two fenders jammed(have just yesterday had a new rear one put on),running board lacerated, duffle sack torn, both canteens jerked off, &c &c.

BUT: Found the only survivor of one of the southern Keneste and got a fine lot of material. Also, collected other good things from other tribes. Also got the surviving Me-tum'-ki to come down here and am at work with him right along now. He nearly died last winter and is still a sick man, but able to talk several hours a day.

Too busy to write more. Folks send love. (At present moment Z is running the new Laun-dry-ette washing machine over which the female part of the household is positively daffy!)

As ever,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Stella Clemence
2831 28 St.,Washington

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July 13, 1922

Mr Newton B. Drury, Secy.
Save the Redwoods League.

Dear Mr Drury:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th instant, written while I was in the Humboldt Bay region.

I have just returned from a field trip in the northern mountains, driving back as usual over the Redwood Highway, and would have given several pairs of old boots for the map you mention. However, I shall go over the route again this season and with the help of the map you are preparing hope to be able to tie together such information as seems necessary.

For years I have been getting from Indians the geographic names of prominent points along the way along Russian River, South Fork Eel, Main EEl, and Humboldt Bay. But there is one gap I have not yet been able to fill, namely, between Garberville and Cummings. The only Indian I have succeeded in locating who knows this part of the route was on his death bed when I visited him last week. The tribe seems to be extinct, so the chances are against filling the gap--though I still have hope.

When next in San Francisco I shall be glad to accept your invitation to call on you at your office.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

Lagunitas, Calif.
July 14, 1922

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am sending you my expense account for June, amounting to $122.56, and also vouchers for Zenaida Merriam, Asst. $70.00, and Lawrence A. Ford(for Wolf) $15.00, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

We had a rather hard trip in the north, over high mountains on country roads. In order to reach the only two survivors of one tribe we had to drive over Grizzly mt on a newly cut-out horseback trail, said to be 8 feet wide, but in reality barely 6 feet for long distances, and along the edges of deep canyons where a slip meant destruction. It was hard on the car--not to mention the strain on us--but we got through. We jammed all 4 fenders (just had one new rear one put on, & others fixed), tore off a rear hub cap and both running-board canteens and so on. But it was the only possible way for me to reach these old Indians (as I cant yet ride horseback), and I got a wonderful stock of material from them. Also got much of value from other tribes, and have one Indian man here at our house now, the last of a practically extinct tribe.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Am also enclosing voucher from Remington Typewriter Co for $12.95 just sent me by Miss Clemence, which please pay also.

C C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.

Expense account for June 1922

1922				
June 5	Lagunitas to San Francisco & return			1 20
	Meals 1.50; hand baggage.20; street cars.30			2 00
	6 Denny: Maps of Mendocino County, Calif.	1		3 00
	8 15 gals. Gas @24			3 36
	14 Visor shield for front of car(Kaenel & Becker)	2		15 00
	Lagunitas-SanFrancisco,Oakland & return (RR SanRafael)			96
	Meals 2.00; street cars 30			2 30
	20 Expressage on Mss to Washington	3		1 22
	21 Proc. Nat. Acad Sci to June 30, 1923			5 00
	22 Box Carbon paper for use of Miss Clemence	4		3 25
	500 sheets blue mill tw paper for Miss Clemence	5		1 50
	Auto Field trip North, June 23-30:			
	23 SanRafael: 9 gallons Gas @ 23			2 07
	24 Woodland: 5 gals @ 24			1 20
	Willows: 6 gals @ 25, 1.50; oil & labor on car,2.50			4 00
	25 Red Bluff:5 gals gas @ 25,1.25; new points ignition2.50			3 75
	27 Wildwood: 5 gas @ 50,2.50; oil 50			3 00
	Wildwood: Board & ldg 1 day,self & asst(Z.M.)	6		7 00
	28 Auto Rest: 5 gas @ 50; 2.50; oil 50			3 00
	23-26 & 28-30 incl: 7 days field board @ 1.50 each,self & asst			21 00
	Paid Indians for vocab. work &c; Grindstone Rcha June 24			6 00
	Hay Fork Val. Kate LuckieJune 27			3 00
	Zenia: Yellowjacket & Lucy Young , 3 days each			20 00
June	Postage , self & Miss Clemence			1 84
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C. Hart Merriam

July 20, 1922

Mr Gilbert Grosvenor
President, National Geographic Society
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Grosvenor:

On returning from a recent field trip in the mountains of Northwestern California, I found your letter of June 12, stating that you had appointed me to represent the National Geographic Society on the Baird Memorial Committee.

In view of the circumstance that Professor Baird appointed me as Naturalist of the Hayden Expedition fifty years ago last spring, and of the additional fact that the early years of my work as a naturalist were largely shaped by his kindly advice, I feel it my duty to accept.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 24, 1922

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Very many thanks for the identifications. I am particularly pleased to know that the fragment with fruit really is Camass; I was not sure and wanted to make certain.

The miserable little leaf of Soaproot is typical of one of the two common ones about Zenia and I thought it a smaller species than pomeridianum.

It is great that you actually have a car. It will give you a command of distance heretofore undreamed of and Im sure will prove "a joy forever". I accomplish at least five times as much field work as I formerly did with horses. And besides, it enables one to camp anywhere--without being obliged to go miles to a ranch or hotel.

Got so much material on our last trip that it seems to take forever to write it up.

Elizabeth has just put in a New Perfection 4-burner oil stove in place of the old range, and also has the water heater like Arches--thus saving a lot of work with wood and ashes.

Doubtless you have seen Arch's palatial new car. Its a beauty all right, but would hardly do for the kind of trips I'm making all the time.

Enclosed is one of the Fortuna Godetias I spoke to you about last year. I've concluded that it is an escape from cultivation as the flowers vary from dark purple to white with the usual basal blotches of red.

With regards to your sister, as ever yours,

July 30, 1922

Mr C. L. Hill
Forest Service
San Francisco

Dear Mr Hill:

Thanks for your letter and kind offer to send me the Canadian report on the Copper Eskimos. I should be very glad tho have it.

Since our return from the north we have been continuously swamped with company, and I have had an Indian here for ten days, or would have written you earlier.

We drove our car over the mountains from upper Mad River to Hattenshaw Valley, and then across over the top of Grizzly mountain ridge and down to Zenia over the new-cut trail which the Indians and half-breeds think is an auto road! We got through with only two smashed fenders, two broken springs and a few other little details in connection with which Mrs Merriam and Zenaida imagine that they had all the excitement needed for some time to come. But they failed to appreciate the really impressive scenery along the way. However, I found the Indians I was seeking and accomplisht something really worth while.

Trusting that you and your associates will not forget that the Lagunitas latch-string is always out when we are at home, Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 30, 1922

Mr Joseph Willits,
Laytonville, Calif.

My dear friend Willits:

Your letter of July 21 came duly and we were all glad to hear from you and to know that you are feeling better and that you found your family all right.

I would have written you before but have been very busy and we have been swamped with company. The woman from the East came the day after you left and is here yet. And a man and his wife from Watsonville and another man and wife from Mill Valley came, and yesterday a girl from San Francisco came to spend Sunday with my daughter Zenaida. So you see we have had lots of company and my wife has been kept busy cooking, and the little house you slept in has been again occupied.

I was very glad to have you here and appreciate the care you took in giving me so much reliable information.

I am going to Covelo before long but do not know exactly when I can get away. Will try to stop and see you on the way.

With best wishes, Good By for the present,

Your friend C. Hart Merriam

August 5, 1922.

Mr. L. E. Wyman,
Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Wyman:

Your letter of July 18 has been forwarded from Washington, and reached me on my return from a recent trip in the North.

The two grizzly skulls you mention were returned to your museum a number of years ago. I remember them well:

They were rather white skulls, but lacked exact data as to where killed.

The Hinchinbrook skull is in the Biological Survey's Skull Room in the National Museum, and I am writing the Chief of the Survey, by this mail, to have the skull carefully packed and shipped to you at once; and shall be glad to compare it again when you have done with it in the present connection, as it is a peculiar skull, and I had not finished studying it.

You will find that the skulls and teeth of Arctotherium differ so widely from those of the genus Ursus that no close comparison is required.

Expecting to call on you at the Museum before returning in the Fall,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

See p 535

August 5, 1922.

Mr. Charles S. King,
139 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. King:

Your letter of July 7, forwarded from Washington, reached me on my return from a recent field trip in the mountains of the Northwestern part of the State.

I am interested in what you tell me about seeing an old she bear with five yearling cubs. I never heard of so many in one litter, and it may be possible, as you suggest, that she was acting as foster mother to one or more cubs, whose mother had met with disaster; but at all events it is unusual and interesting.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California,
August 5, 1922.

Mrs. H. F. Whitcomb,
Long Lea Farm,
Amherst, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Whitcomb:

Your letter of July 9, reached me on my return from a recent field trip in Northern California.

I have read the copy you sent me of your letter to the Secretary of Agriculture, but still am in doubt as to just what you want. You speak of a permit for your collection. I did not know that a permit was necessary in order to own a collection of birds. This is wholly new to me.

If it is possible that any such requirement exists, I would suggest that you write to Dr. T.S.Palmer Biological Survey, Washington. Dr. Palmer is an expert on game laws and everything relating thereto.

I resigned from active connection with the Biological Survey twelve years ago, since which I have been endeavoring to complete fieldwork in California, returning to Washington winters.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Lagunitas, California,
August 5, 1922.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Thanks for your letter of July 26, inclosing the transcript from Beschke.

I think this is the same reference that Grinnell had. What he wanted to know was something about Miss White's Seminary, just where and when it was anand anything of interest concerning it. You tried to find this out at the time, but were not able to run it down.

We have not yet set out on our next trip, owing to the very large amount of material collected on the last trip, and also the delay caused by ten days work with the Indian I brought home to work here. However, we are rapidly approaching the day of clear decks, and hope to set out again in the near future.

You will be interested in knowing that Dr. Bailey Willis and wife and son Robert spent last night with us and have just gone.

Are you finding any mamal notes in the Spanish material?

Our Athapaskan Tribe list looks like a very different document from the one I brought out this year.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Walter Hough
Washington D.C.

Lagunitas, California
August 5, 1922.

Miss Alma I Oviatt,
Forest Service,
Ferry Bldg.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Oviatt:

Thanks for your letter of the first inst. acknowledging my letter to Mr. Hill in his absence.

The report on the Copper River Eskimo by the Canadian Arctic Expedition which you were good enough to send me has been received, and I am very glad to have it.

With thanks for your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 5, 1922

Mr. Lawrence A. Ford,
Arcata, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Please pardon my long delay in writing you about the specimen of supposed timber wolf which you were good enough to send to the Biological Survey sometime ago. I was engaged in fieldwork in Trinity and Southern Humboldt Counties and did not receive the identification of the specimen until my return to Lagunitas.

The Biological Survey Naturalists write me that the specimen is not a timber wolf, but is the large Northern coyote. I regret this, but am not greatly surprised for the reason that all the specimens of supposed timber wolves we have thus far received from California have proved to be big coyotes.

The specimen is therefore not so valuable as I had hoped. Nevertheless, it has been valued at $15.00, a check for which Smithsonian Institution has doubtless sent you before this.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter, and hoping that your disappointment will not be so acute as my own.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, California,
August 5, 1922,

Mr. Luther J. Goldman,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Goldman:

On returning from a recent trip in the mountains of Northern California, I found your letter about the grizzly from the lava fields of the Snake River Desert.

This is one of the most delightful surprises I have had in many a long day. At last, it looks as if we might actually have the male needed to tie up with some of the female skulls we already have from Idaho and Oregon. It is a great thing that you have actually got this specimen, and you may be sure I am most anxious to see it and compare it with others in our collection.

It must be in the neighborhood of twenty years since I first learned of the existence of a desert grizzly in the lava beds region, since which I have tried in various ways and with various people to obtain a male skull. The one you sent from Mendota would probably have settled the question, but, as you know, that specimen met with disaster on the road, and was never heard of after reaching Chicago.

With congratulations and best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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August 5, 1922.

Miss Alice Eastwood,
Academy of Sciences,
Golden Gate Park,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Your letter of July 26 was a great surprise, as I had concluded that the Godetia was a cultivated form instead of a native species.

It would be worth while to obtain specimens at Fortuna before the tips of the petals have been gnawed off by insects.

Now that you have a car of your own, I hope you will take in Lagunitas on one of your trips. It is not a bad place to stay overnight, and we shall be glad to see you at any time between field trips.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

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August 5, 1922.

Dr. Herbert Lang,
American Museum of Natural History,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Lang:

Your letter of July 15 reached me a short time ago.

In compliance with your request, I shall be pleased to present to the Museum the six mammal photographs I loaned you before leaving Washington.

With best wishes.

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Retake of Preceding Frame

August 6, 1922.

Dr. E. W. Nelson,
Chief, U. S. Biological Survey.

Dear Nelson:

Sometime ago I borrowed the skull of a big bear killed on Hinchinbrook Island from the Museum of History, Science and Art at Los Angeles. They want the skull returned in order to compare it with ~~the~~ specimens of Arctotherium.

The man who wrote the letter is L. E. Wyman, Ornithologist.

Will you kindly have the skull looked up and returned to the Los Angeles Museum.

When shall you be heading this way?

With best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 6, 1922.

Mr. J. B. Mortsolf,
Superintendent Hoopa Reservation,
Hoopa, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Can you tell me what has become of the patent to the land allotment of an old Indian named Yellowjacket, living near the Upper Waters of Mad River?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 6, 1922.

Mr. Oscar Landry,
Palla Coola,
British Columbia.

Dear Sir:

The grizzly skull, shipped to the Biological Survey on May 27, arrived in good condition, and was valued at $15.00, a check for which will be sent from the Smithsonian Institution during the present month.

Thanking you for your continued efforts in our behalf.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

August 6, 1922.

Mr. B. H. Mace,
Forest Supervisor,
Weaverville, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mace:

Can you give me approximate altitudes of Ruth, Hettenshaw Valley, Grizzly Mountain, and Zenia?

After meeting you at Auto Rest, we drove to Hettenshaw Valley, and thence over the new boulevard to Zenia, and thence on by way of Blocksburgh and Bridgeville to Humboldt Bay.

Do you happen to know the length of the new road from Hettenshaw to Zenia?

It is a pity that the Forest Service was mixed up in that melancholy Yellowjacket affair.

Our accidental meeting at Auto Rest was a great pleasure to me, and I hope that sometime you and Mrs. Mace may be able to visit us at Lagunitas.

With best wishes to you both.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Lagunitas, California,
August 6, 1922.

Dr. George Bird Grinnell,
238 East 15th. St.,
New York City.

Dear Grinnell:

A few years ago you asked me if I knew anything about Miss White's Seminary in Washington, but I failed to locate the Institution.

Recently my Assistant, Miss Clemence, ran across a journal of George Adams, published by William Beschke in 1850, in which it is stated that a medal was given to a Pawnee named Petalesharoo, by the young ladies of Miss White's Seminary in Washington.

This may be the very reference that you had. If not, I can send you a copy of the item.

During our last field trip in the mountains of northwestern California, I had the good luck to unearth the last survivors of two southern Athabaskan tribes, whose names appear to have escaped the literature; also got hold of the last survivor of the Yaturuma Tribe and brought him home for ten day's work at Lagunitas, securing a splendid lot of material.

We are now about to set out on another trip in the north.

Trusting that you and Mrs. Grinnell are having a comfortable and profitable season, and with best wishes from us all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

August 7, 1922

Dear Friend Willits:

At last the photographs came; they arrived last evening, and I am sending them to you by this mail.

We are hoping to get off for Round Valley the latter part of this week and will try to see you either going or coming.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr Joseph Willits
Laytonville, Calif.

August 7, 1922

Dear Mrs Young:

The photographs I took of you and Jack and little Marie did not come back from the printer till last night. I think they are pretty good and am sending them to you by this mail.

We hope you and Mr Young had a good time in Round Valley, and that Mrs Clark's Fourth of July affair at Zenia came off all right.

I would like to see you all again and will try sometime, but wish you were not so hard to get at. My folks dont care for your roads!

Mrs Merriam and my daughter Zenaida join in kindest regards and best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs Lucy Young
Zenia, Calif.

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 7, 1922

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for July, amounting to $170.44, together with vouchers for Oscar Landry (Grizzly skull) $15; and Scolliak for cleaning Bear skulls $3, which I shall be glad if you will please pay from the Harriman fund as usual.

The effects of the terrible roads and strains on the car during the last trip of 850 miles were not all immediate, but have been coming since. One day when driving with an Indian the Yoke-U-bolt broke, allowing a rear spring to spread out sideways, and a few days later the main drive-shaft broke square off at the pinyon, stalling the car so we had to send and be towed to the shop at San Rafael. The bill for this has not yet come in and will have to go over till next account.

In this connection I would like to remark that I am having the greatest annoyance in getting bills. For instance, the one in last account covered a back-to-May item for a pair of Ajax tires paid for about the end of May. As a rule the head man of the shop is away, or too busy to bother about a bill, and always says "let it go till next time".

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

1922 Expense Account, month of July, 1922

July	1	Fortuna, Calif., 10 gals gas @27		270
	2	Pd Indian ("Mrs Prince") at Rhonerville Reserv		100
	3	Fortuna Garage: Repairs to car	1	610
	4	Pd old Indian (Al Smith)		100
	5	Pd Indians (Lolahnkok & Lassik)		400
	6	Fortuna: 6 gals gas @ 27		162
		" Repairing lamp on car		125
	7	Wagner Garage, Willits: Gas, oil, & labor	2	710
	7	Fortuna Auto Camp: 6 nights @.50		300
	7	Santa Rosa: 5 gals gas @ 23¢		118
1	-7	Camp board self & asst. 7days @ 1.25 each		1750
	12	Fare & expenses Asst Lagunitas -SanFrancisco & ret.		265
		San Rafael: 5 gals gas @ 23¢		118
		Headlight repaired		50
		Bay View Auto Fact. New rear fender & labor	3	1385
	17	9 gals gas @ 23¢		212
	19	Pd Indian Jos Willits 10days Vocab work & exps	4	5500
		Kaenel & Becker: materials & labor on car	5	1635
	20	Lagunitas-SanFrancisco & return, fares & expenses		280
		Isaac Upham Co:Blank book and clips	6	160
	27	7 gals gas @ 23		1 61
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C. Hart Merriam

Telegram
NIGHT LETTER

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 9, 1922

Mrs E. H. Harriman

Ashton, Idaho.

Shall be delighted to go with you through redwoods. Am awaiting your letter for details. Apparently you wish to start from San Francisco immediately after August 24. Impracticable for me to go to Idaho. Will wire again after receipt of your letter.

C. Hart Merriam

To W. U. Operator, San Rafael:

Please charge to me and I will pay at the Lagunitas store, or at your office in a day or two, as you prefer.

C. Hart Merriam.

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Tunitas,
August 10, 1922

Dear J.C.

Have just had a wire, to be followed in a day or two by a letter, from Mrs. H. stating that she expects to make the Redwood drive starting from San Francisco as soon as possible after the 24th of this month. This would seem to mean that J.C and C.H. will have to get together to arrange matters as early as may be.

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If I knew where you are I'd wire you.

If this reaches you in the near future, let me know.

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Lagunitas, Calif.
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Mr Newton B. Drury
Monadnock Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr Drury:

The time has come when it is of great importance to have prices on the redwood properties on the highway on the south side of main Eel River from Scotia Bridge to Dyerville, and also of a reasonably-sized tract containing Dyerville Flat--by which I mean the flat at the south end of the Dyerville bridge across South Fork on the East side of South Fork.

We are likely to need this information on or before the 24th of this month.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Dr Joseph Grinnell
Berkeley, Calif.

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 10, 1922

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

Very many thanks for the three papers just received. Swarth's Stikine contribution is fine --one of the kind to be kept handy always for ready reference.

Your Museum Conscience while of small dimensions is full of meat, and I wish some way could be devised by which it could be driven into those who sin for lack of following its advice.

Your Kangaroo Rats is a monumental paper, of course, and too full of facts and opinions to be hastily digested. I spent the whole of last evening reading it--a most unusual thing for me now-a-days with any kind of literature. It certainly is an admirable contribution, and of the lasting kind. In future, no one will dare to publish anything on the group without giving it most careful consideration.

So long as different packages of human intellect have to develop under different environments, there will continue to be differences in the point of view--as illustrated in our conceptions of the things we call genera and species, and also I fear in our morality in the matter of responsibility for stability in nomenclature. For instance, from my point of view it is a crime to displace a current name based on a "sure thing" by an earlier name of uncertain application or status, or one whose right to recognition rests on negative evidence. In other words, the sin of changing scientific names rests lightly on the shoulders of some much esteemed naturalists--in zoology as well as in botany!

But don't let these passing remarks cloud the fact that I greatly admire and appreciate this very carefully prepared result of your painstaking studies of a group to which I have given much personal attention over a long period of years.

Very truly yours,

H. S. Swarth

Lagunitas, Calif.
August 10,1922

Dr E. W. Nelson
Chief, U.S. Biological Survey

Dear Nelson:

The Los Angeles Museum (through L.E.Wyman) insists that the Biological Survey has more Bear skulls belonging to them--additional to the Hinchinbrook skull which I wrote you about last week.

The only other skulls I remember, besides the Polar Bear skull which they acknowledge receiving, were two very white exhibition skulls of Grizzlies from unknown localities which I borrowed many years ago and laid out to be returned--and have not seen since.

To clear the matter up, I shall be obliged if you will ask Jackson to make a search of the borrowed skulls, and if any are found belonging to the Los Angeles Museum, have them returned at once.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 10,1922

Mr L. E. Wyman
Los Angeles Museum

Dear Mr Wyman:

Your letter of yesterday enclosing copy of mine to you of June 11, 1921, shows, apparently, that we are talking about two widely different sets of skulls. The two referred to in in my letter of June 11 were the Hinchinbrook skull(which you will receive in the near future) and apparently another which I had forgotten .

The two referred to in my letter to you a few days ago (August 5) were the two very white (supercleaned) Grizzly skulls from unknown localities which I borrowed and returned many years ago. I say 'returned' because I had every reason to suppose they were sent back, having laid them out, marked with shipping directions, as usual. Personally, I have nothing to do with the actual packing and shipment of specimens--this being attended to by an assistant in the Biological Survey, and usually after I have left Washington for the field. However, I am writing the Survey again to search thoroughly to see if we have any other skulls belonging to your Museum, and if so to return at once.

In the absence (at this end of the line) of letter files, old copy books, and the specimen records, I am at a disadvantage in attempting to recall remote dates.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

August 25,1922

Dr J.C.Merriam
Dunsmuir, Calif.

Dear J.C.:

As I may be in part responsible for your trip(contemplated) across the mts to the Humboldt Bay side, I want to tell you about a road condition developed since we drove over it in early July. The until recently excellent road between Willits and Calpella has been practically destroyed--plowed up and in places for miles buried in fresh dirt in order to raise the grade; in other places depressed or swung to one side. This work begins 3 or 4 miles south of Willets and continues past Warner Valley and really is pretty bad. We have just driven over it.

Then there is a longish detour from Cloverdale to Geyserville. While annoying, it is not bad.

If you still decide to make the trip, dont forget to take plenty of water for the Beegum Grade between Red Bluff and Wildwood. It is the only stiff grade on the road across.

Yesterday I saw Mrs H and also Sperry and Drury. The outcome is that Mrs H, Z and I go by train to Scotia where we are to be met by an auto from Eureka arranged for by Drury. We expect to drive from Scotia to Phillipsville (Kettentelbe) and back to Scotia, taking a turn through the Bull Creek (Iolanko) Flat on the way.

Trusting that your throat is all right and that you will bring your family here for a few days before you go east, and with love from us all to all of you,

As ever,

August 25, 1922

Mr Frank Adams
2527 Etna Street
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear Mr Adams:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your kindness in sending me the Irrigation maps of California. I have been away engaged in field work in the north and mislaid your address.

I want to thank you particularly for the uncolored maps you were so good as to put in; they will be of much service for platting results. For years clean base maps of California of sufficient size for detail platting have been unattainable. I have used the Govt. Post Route maps and also the Land Office sheets, but as you know both are open to serious criticism.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 24, 1922

Mr Thos. E. Stanton
Asst. State Highway Engineer
Willitts, California

My dear Sir:

On returning from a recent trip I find your letter of the 18th inst and the blue print of your admirable map of the State Highway from Humboldt Bay to the southern boundary of Mendocino County.

In platting the Indian names of creeks and other geographic features, the old tribal boundaries and the sites of former villages, as well as terminal points in the ranges of certain trees and shrubs, I have long needed a map of this kind, and am greatly indebted to both Mr Sommer and yourself for your courtesy in letting me have the benefit of your labors in preparing this excellent base.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 25, 1922

Dr B.W.Evermann
Director, Calif.Acad.Sci.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr Evermann:

Thanks for yours of the 9th instant, which awaited my return from a recent field trip.

No, I am not acquainted with Walker of Vallicita so far as my memory goes--but it's many years since I worked in that region. Glad you got some of those ancient human skulls from the cave near Angels. About 13 years ago I published something about these cave skulls in connection with the Indian belief concerning their origin. This was in SCIENCE, vol.xxix ns, 805-806, May 21, 1909.

John C. Merriam will be interested in what you found.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Calif.
August 26, 1922

Mr Newton B. Drury
Secy. Save the Redwoods League
Monadnock Bldg., SanFrancisco

Dear Mr Drury:

A telegram just phoned up from San Rafael this evening states that we shall leave Sausalito Monday evening August 28, arriving at Scotia the following morning.

I shall be greatly obliged therefore if you will kindly arrange to have the car at Scotia at about 9 AM Tuesday morning. Should have wired you this evening but it is too late to get the message through.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 27,1922

Mr J. W. Henderson, President
Indian Board of Cooperation
Humboldt Bank Bldg., SanFrancisco

My dear Mr Henderson:

Replying to your invitation of the 24th instant: Mrs Merriam and I shall be very glad to be present at the meeting of the Indian Board of Cooperation to be held in your office at 4 oclock on Friday September 1.

I should have attended the previous meeting had I not been away in the field.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept.4,1922

Mr A. E. Connick,President
First National Bank
Eureka, California.

My dear Mr Connick:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your courtesy and trouble in sending a car to meet our party at Scotia a few days ago.

The car was comfortable and the driver careful, competent and agreeable and knew the country. We had a delightful drive and members of the party who had not previously seen the redwoods were much impressed and may come again.

Thanking you for your kindness in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept.4, 1922

Dr John C. Merriam
Berkeley, Calif.

My dear J.C:

So you are pulling out without giving us a visit or even a call! Too bad.

I think you will be interested to call up Evermann on the phone and have him tell you about a new cave containing lots of human bones recently discovered in the Sierra foothills.

Doubtless you have already talked with Baily Willis about his Pleistocene human skull.

Hope you did'nt have too much discomfort driving down over the torn up roads I wrote you about before you left Dunsmuir.

Regretting that you are unable to come here before returning east, and with love to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 4, 1922

Major E. A. Goldman
Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Goldman:

Thanks for your letters of August 28 and 30. Glad the big Alaska Bear skull sent by Lieut Emmons has arrived. It was packed in a valuable Indian box which cost twice as much as the skull. KINDLY HAVE THE BOX SAVED for me. The skull itself also is of value, having been killed at Saint Johns Bay, 14 miles north of Sitka. I am paying for the skull and the box.

No, I am not ordinarily purchasing skulls of Black Bears, but suppose the Hamacher male skull from Whitehorse is easily worth $3 to the Biological Survey.

Has the Survey received the Grizzly skull sent by your brother from the lava beds of Idaho? I am most anxious to see it.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 4, 1922

Dr George R. Hill, Director
School of Agriculture
Logan, Utah

Dear Dr Hill:

Very many thanks for your letter of August 25, which I found on returning from a recent field trip. It was most kind of you to take the trouble to write so fully about the big Grizzly, and I wish to assure you that I am greatly interested in your account.

I have skulls of Grizzlies from southern Utah but none from the northern part of the State and for years have been anxious to obtain an adult male for our National Museum. Up to the present time no one knows what species inhabited the northern Wasatch, so the skull of this specimen will be of great service in enabling me to determine this point--if I can get hold of it--thereby adding a positive record, and perhaps an additional species also, to the Mammals of Utah.

Therefore I am going to ask if you will undertake to get the skull for me. No matter haw badly the back part may be shattered, and no matter how badly burned, there may be enough left to determine the species, and I will agree to pay $25 for it.

All the fragments and all the teeth should be preserved. The skull should be cut off from the skeleton well back so as not to injure the back part, and should be dried after cutting off the thick flesh. It should then be well wrapped and packed in a box and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U.S.Biological Survey, Dept.Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Your name should be on a tag attached to the skull, and also on outside of box.

Am sending you my Review of the Big Bears.
With many thanks, Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Sept.6,1922

Mr W.I.Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for August, amounting to $230.63--including Kaenel & Becker's terrible bill of $75.63 for new drive shaft, gears &c for the damaged car. Besides this and the bill for a new rear fender in last account, is another bill for another rear fender--the result of being run into by a road fool on my recent trip through the mountains to Round Valley. But I found the Indians I was after and got the information so badly needed--so it is worth all it cost.

Mrs Harriman wanted to see the redwoods, and since the road is being rebuilt and now in fearful condition(I know, for I've driven over it three times lately) she took Zenaida and me in her private car to Scotia Lumber Mills where an automobile I had phoned for met us and we drove nearly 100 miles through the splendid redwood forests.

Am enclosing vouchers for Zenaida Merriam, Assistant, 24.50
$15.
7 days @ $3.50; and Lieut G.T.Emmons, Skull of big Brown Bear from Alaska, which please pay from the Harriman fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense account for August, 1922

August 1	Sanborn & Vail: 16 sheets blotters & pkg bands	1	1	10
2	SF to top Mt Tamalpais & return 2.48; meals 2		4	48
6	Stenographer (Mrs Cullen) 1½ day @ 4	2	6	00
9	Telegram to Idaho			82
10	SanRafael: 10 gals gas 2.30; Auto top mended 2.		4	30
	New Auto drive shaft, gears &c & labor	3	75	53
14	Auto, Berkeley & ret. Ferry, meals, & expenses		3	50
15	Gabriel Moulin: Photo work	4	8	34
Auto trip to Cahto and Round Valleys(Aug.15-21 incl):				
15	Cloverdale Garage: Changing engine oil &c	5	2	50
16	Wagner Garage, Willets: 10 gals gas & work on car	6	4	75
	Hotel Willets: 2 rooms, self & asst @ 2		4	00
	Willits: Boyce Canteen kit(3 for running board)	7	6	00
	Cahto: Pd Indians: Willits, Ray, Bell, Mrs Wilson		4	00
17-19	Pd Round Valley Indians: Yukes 6; Wylakkes 9		15	00
	Presents for Indian children		1	75
20	Willits: 5 gals gas @ 27½		1	38
21	Santa Rosa: 10 gals gas @ 23½ 2.35; lamp 50; oil 35		3	20
	Meals 7 days Aug 15-21, self & asst @ 1.25 each		17	50
23	Fare, SanRafael-SanFrancisco & return 60; street cars 40		1	00
	Schwabacher, Fry Co. 500 letterheads, paper & prtg	8	12	55
24	Cartwright Hotel (Room)	9	2	50
	Meals, SanFrancisco, Aug 23 & 24		4	00
28	Sausalito - SF Ferry, lunch, car fares		2	10
	Indian Board of Cooperation(thro F.S.Collett)		10	00
	Telegram to British Columbia			80
30	Sausalito: Storage of car 2 days @ 5o		1	00
31	Duffy Bros, San Rafael: another new fender & labor	10	14	50
	Marsh & Co. Photo work August	11	8	98
	Marquis Co.; Who's Who in Am.	12	6	75
	August stampt envelopes & postage		2	10
			$230.63	

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September 11, 1922.

Dr. F. G. Collett,
Indian Board of Cooperation,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Collett:

Referring again to a proposed possible mode of procedure in the interest of California Indians, I am not quite clear as to one of the alleged difficulties, namely, that Indians must be found who have been ousted from the lands formerly held by their tribes. The other obstacles mentioned may be set aside I think as not serious, but it would be exceedingly difficult I fear to find Indians who have been ousted in recent times from Government lands formerly in the possession of their tribes.

Until receipt of the memorandum you sent me a short time ago, I did not understand that there was any such requirement. In my judgment it would not be difficult to obtain information as to living Indians whose tribes possessed lands continuously under Federal control since the date of the Treaties. There is of course a hiatus between the execution of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the signing of the 18 Treaties, negotiated by the U. S. Commissioners in 1852, but I suppose it is fair to assume that the lands in question were then under Federal control.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. Collier

September 11, 1922.

Registrar,
U. S. Land Office,
Eureka, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Have you in your possession, or do you know the present whereabouts of patents of land allotments to an Indian commonly known as Yellow Jacket, and his wife Sally Jacket? The allotments were made by :

B. Arntzen, Spl. Alloting Agent.
Trust Patent delivered June 23, 1908.

It would be interesting to know why the titlesto these allotments were not delivered to Yellow Jacket and his wife long ago.

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. Collier

September 11,1922.

Mr. J.B. Mortsolf,
Hoopa, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of August 10, which I found on returning from a field trip. I am very glad to know about the allotments to Yellow Jacket and his wife Sally Jacket, and have written the land office at Eureka to know why the titles have not been delivered .

Very truly yours,
C. [illegible]

September 11, 1922.

Mrs. J. J. Dailey,
Burnt Ranch, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Dailey:

Thanks for your letter about Mrs. Zeigler, which awaited my return from a recent field trip.

I do not know Mr. Harrington's present address, but will try to connect with him and give him your message.

I am very glad to know that Mrs. Zeiglar is willing to help in the work with her language, and if I were able to ride horseback at present I would go to see her myself.

Thanking you for your kindness and trouble in writing.

Very truly yours,
C. H. [illegible]

September 11, 1922.

Mr. B. H. Mace,
Forest Supervisor,
Weaverville, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mace:

For several years I have been much annoyed by the nomenclature of the primary and the secondary branches of Eel River, and as Chairman of the Government Geographic Board, the matter has been put up to me to work out a more rational system free from the horrible duplications of names - for instance the three South Forks.

Any suggestions you may have to offer will be thankfully received.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

September 11, 1922.

Mr. B. H. Mace,
Forest Supervisor,
Weaverville, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mace::

Thanks for your letter of August 22; and please convey my thanks also to Miss Hennessy for her letter written during your absence.

The maps I have been able to get hold of covering the region immediately north of Round Valley are lacking in several names, which have been repeated to me so many times that I am anxious to locate them, and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly tell me where some of them are. Among these are: Soldier Basin, Blue Nose Mountain, Summit Valley, Hulls Valley, Bald Mounain Ridge, Long Ridge, Cold Creek in or near Summit Valley.

Some of the Indians speak of Bald Mountain country as if it might be an area of considerable extent. At one time I thought it must be the south end of South Fork Mountain, but this now seems to be improbable.

And, can you tell me whereabouts on Mad River Johnsons place (a big white house), and Hays' place, and the Bushman place are located?

Do you happen to know if an old Indian named George Nolton is at present at Harrison Gulch?

I note what you say about Yellow Jacket. I did not know that there was any real proof that he set the fire in question, but assuming that he did, is not six months in jail a pretty severe penalty for setting a brush fire in early February - the rainy season in northwestern California?

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Mace.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Do you know where Hollow Tree is?
From the way it is spoken of I should guess
that it is west of main Eel and west or
northwest of [illegible] but am not sure.

September 11, 1922.

M. L. E. Wyman,
Los Angeles Museum,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Wyman:

On returning from another trip in the north, I found your letter quoting a memorandum from a letter of mine dated February 7, 1921, in regard to a grizzly skull belonging to your museum.

I learn from the Biological Survey that the skull in question and the Hinchinbrook skull have been returned to you, and trust that they have reached the museum in good condition.

But, unless I am very greatly mistaken, the skull Marked L140 and D227 is not the Richardson skull. The latter, I am sure, I returned to Mr. Richardson many years ago, but as stated in previous letters, I am at a disadvantage in being away from letter copybooks and memoranda as to bear skulls. Have you written Richardson himself about this skull?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 11, 1922.

Dr. Edward D. Jones,
208 Consolidated Realty Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Dr. Jones:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of August 18. It arrived while I was away on a field trip.

I am glad to know that you are planning an extensive expedition among the big brown bears of Alaska Peninsula during the Spring of 1923, and shall be very glad to give you any information I may possess that may be of use to you.

Big brown bears of two species inhabit Alaska Peninsula for its entire length. These are Ursus gyas, a huge animal about the size of the great Kadiak bear, and Ursus Kidderi, a smaller species, but still as big as an average grizzly. The big gyas occurs also on Unimak Island, but no bears inhabit Unalaska or any of the other islands.

Among the localities where many big bears have been killed are Pavlof Bay, Cold Bay, Portage Bay, and Port Moller. They also seem to be very common at Kamishak Bay, from which region I have received a number of skulls.

The great Kadiak bear does not occur on Alaska Peninsula, but is found on Kadiak, Afognak, and Shuyak Islands. Old males have a high domed skull which must give the bear a remarkable physiognomy. A photograph of one of these old males either dead or alive would be a distinct contribution to knowledge.

Species of big brown bears occur at various points along the Alaska mainland from Cross Sound, Fairweather Alps, and Yakutat Bay northward to the Kenai Peninsula; and other species occur at various points in Artic Alaska, which however you would hardly feel justified in visiting.

If you will run over Outdoor Life and other sportsmen's journals for the past two or three years, I think you will find a good deal of information concerning the bears of different localities which may be of use to you.

On my return to Washington I will send you a copy of my review of big bears which, however, is only a technical document; my large work on the bears being not yet ready for publication.

Very truly yours, C. Hart Merriam

September 11, 1922.

Dr. Joseph Grinnell,
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

Thanks for your letters, and particularly for your kindness in enclosing the old letter from Wm. Brewster, written at the time of founding the A.O.U. Such letters carry one back to activities likely to be forgotten. I am returning Brewster's letter herewith.

Yes, I have seen and heard Pileated woodpeckers right here at Lagunitas, but not for several years past. Referring to my Lagunitas card list, I find the following:- "Fairly common when I first built at Lagunitas, but later not seen or heard for several years until October 28,1917, when I heard one several times along San Geronimo Creek, a little below our house. Mrs. Harry Allen saw one at Larkspur in July 1918.

When I came to Lagunitas in 1911, they were heard many times drumming and yelling."

If your are interested in Marin County birds, it might be worth while for you to run over my card list for Lagunitas. It is only a fragment, as I have been too busy to make a point of bird notes, and have not had time to examine the treetops with field glasses to identify warblers and other small species which at times are very comon here. Furthermore, my sight is by no means so keen as in earlier years, so that I am no longer able to identify small birds at first glance unless they are very near.

I am glad to know that you are going to show Mrs. Grinnell some new country in the north this Fall. Don't put it off too long or the rains may get you. We shall be only too glad to give you any information we may possess as to the road conditions, and localities that seem to us worth visiting. We have recently returned from an interesting trip to Round Valley, one of the many beauty spots of the State.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C Hart Merriam

P.S:
Have just received from H. H. Pittman, Hartney, Manitoba, a small pale bat for identification, and am passing it on to you herewith (Separate package). You

Sept.17,1922

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing Subvouchers 11 and 12, belonging to the account sent in a week or more ago. The receipts have only just arrived--and I had to write Marsh for his!

Do you happen to know where Harrington is? I have lost track of him completely.

Have just had another Indian here for geographic and vocabulary work.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept 18, 1922

Mr Luther J. Goldman
Boise, Idaho

Dear Goldman:

Sometime ago I wrote your brother in the Biological Survey inquiring about the Grizzly from Idaho which you wrote me you were shipping to the Survey on July 13. His reply has just been received To my horror he says the specimen has not been received! It is too dreadful to believe that both Idaho Grizzlies sent in by you have been lost or stolen in transit.

Will you kindly hunt up your express receipt and have a tracer sent at once. I should be broken-hearted if anything has happened to this specimen.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 10, 1922

Mr John P. Harrington
Bureau of Ethnology
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Harrington:

It has been a great disappointment to me that I have not heard from you at all this season.

On April 11 I wrote you at considerable length in reply to your letter of the 5th about the Monterey Indians; and a little later--on April 25--I wrote again, returning Mrs Dailey's photos and telling you what Dr W. K. Fisher said about your "Cho-hen". Both letters were sent to the address you gave, namely, 528 Federal Building, Los Angeles. I had previously written you (at Pleasanton) telling you of Sally Noble's death.

Last month I recieved a letter from Mrs Dailey stating that Mrs Zeigler, half-sister of Sally, is now willing to talk in her language (Chemareko) which she was unwilling to do while Sally was still alive. I tried her while there 2 or 3 years ago, but she then declined. Her knowledge of English is far better than Sally's.

I supposed you still in California and not hearing from you wrote the Smithsonian for your address, and was very much surprised to learn that you are back in Washington.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

October 13, 1922.

Dear Miss Clemence:

Glad to have your letter of September 29 and to know that you are on the track of promising material. The next thing is to get the material itself.

You will remember that we have not been able to find much of anything about the details of the trip across Mono Pass of Lieut. Moore, who went from Fort Miller on the San Joaquin to Mono Lake in pursuit of Yosemite Indians. This was in the Spring of 1852. I wish you would make another effort to find Miller's report and see what he actually says. If you cannot find that, you may find something about it in the History of Fresno County published by W.W. Elliot & Co.

Since writing you last, I have run down another Pomoan Tribe, namely the Mah-kalmo Chummi of Cloverdale Valley on Russian River, from whom I obtained a splendid lot of material.

Then the rains came much earlier than usual and have lasted much longer than early rains usually last, interfering sadly with fieldwork. However, I hope to make at least one more trip before heading for Washington.

When discussing with Dr. Baker the merits of her new car, she would be glad to have you change the terminal letter of its name from D to T!

Glad to know that you can have photostat copies of the Tanner map made for about $1.00 each. Please have copies made of the editions of 1826 and 1847.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Stella Clemence,
1767 Lanier Place
Washington, D.C.

October 13, 1922.

Mr. B. H. Mace,
Forest Supervisor,
Weaverville, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mace:

Many thanks for your letter of the 9th. inst. with enclosures of maps on which you were good enough to mark the localities concerning which I made inquiry.

Since I wrote you, I have seen a couple of Indians from the Hoaglin region, who located most of the localities essentially the same as you have done, though in one or two cases there is a difference of a couple of miles in the north and south direction. They tell me that Soldier Basin is at or near the head of North Fork.

Any time when you feel like making suggestions as to the simplification of the Eel River complex, I shall be mighty glad to hear from you.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Mace and yourself.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California,
October 13, 1922.

Mr. Chas. T. Luthy,
914 Sanford St.,
Peoria, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 21 has been forwarded here from Washington. I am not quite clear as to whether the books on human speech sounds, which you refer to, are free or must be paid for. The Board has no funds for the purchase of books or anything else - not even for traveling expenses - for which reason I hesitate to incur a pecuniary obligation.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board.

Please send reply to 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C. as I expect to return in the near future.

October 13, 1922.

Dr. Walter Jones,
Johns Hopkins Medical School,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Dr. Jones:

Your letter of the 5th. inst., forwarded from Washington, has just arrived.

I am glad to know that you contemplate continuing researches on the scent secretion of the common skunk, but fear I am not now in a position to assist you in obtaining the necessary raw material. You probably will be able to secure the necessary information by writing Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, Washington, D. C., or Ernest T. Seton, Greenwich, Conn.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 13, 1922.

Professor Geo.R. Hill, Jr.,
Director Utah Agricultural College,
Logan, Utah.

Dear Dr. Hill:

Pardon me for writing you again in the matter of the grizzly bear skull, concerning which you wrote me on August 25, and to which I replied on September 4.

The great importance of this skull on account of its locality and my consequent anxiety to obtain it is my excuse for writing again. I most earnestly hope that you will be able to secure whatever is left of it and have it shipped by express, charges collect, addressed U. S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

I expect to return to Washington the last of the present month.

Very truly yours,

October 13, 1922.

Mr. H. H. Pittman,
Hartney,
Manitoba, Canada.

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of August 29, about the bat.. I have been away most of the time, engaged in fieldwork in Northern California.

The bat belongs to the common small species known as Myotis lucifugus, shading toward sub species pernox of Hollister, and according to the determination of Dr. Joseph Grinnell, to whom I sent the specimen.

I am very much interested in what you say about the use of the interfemoral membrane in feeding and shall be glad to see your photographs if they show anything.

As to the preparation of skulls: the usual method is to boil them with a little soda or potash to soften the flesh, but not enough to injure the bones. The splitting of the teeth of Carnivores is often an unhappy consequence and is most marked in the larger species, such as wolves and bears, particularly the latter.

I have no doubt as to what you told me about the larger pocket gopher, and would rather have your word in the matter than the sworn statements of regiment.

I expect to return to Washington the latter part of this month, after which my address as usual will be 1919 Sixteenth St. Washington.

Very truly yours,

October 13, 1922.

Dr. Edward D. Jones,
2-8 Consolidated Realty Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Dr. Jones:

Your letter of September 16 was awaiting me on my return from a recent trip.

I have no personal knowledge of present conditions on Kadiak Island but have been told that big bears are still plentiful on parts of the main island.

I am glad to know of your plans for groups of bears, sheep, goats, caribou and moose. They will make a wonderful display. But don't for a moment be mislead in thinking that I have any authority in the matter of permits. This, as I understand it, is entirely in the hands of Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey at Washington. On my return to Washington in the near future, I will urge him to grant the permits, but it by no means follows that he will do so, as he and I sometimes find ourselves at opposite ends of the game protection and permit systems.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 13, 1922.

J. B. Mortsolf, Esq.
Superintendent Hoopa Agency,
Hoopa, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Referring again to the matter of the lost patents to the allotments of Yellow Jacket and his wife Sally Jacket, I shall be very glad if you will secure photo copies of these, and either deliver them to Yellow Jacket and his wife, or send them to me at my Washington address (1919 Sixteenth St.) and I will attend to their delivery.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 13, 1922.

Mr. S. Ledgerwood,
Zenia,
Trinity Co., Calif.

Dear Sir:

When I was at Zenia early in July, you spoke to me about the patents to the allotments of Yellow Jacket and his wife Sally Jacket. On returning home, I wrote J.B. Mortsolf, Superintendent Hoopa Valley Agency, and also to the Register of the land office at Eureka, the outcome of which is the statement that they were delivered (or supposed to have been delivered) to the Allottees on June 23, 1908.

I have requested that photo copies of these patents be made in Washington, and shall probably receive them in the course of a month or two.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 13, 1922.

Mr. Geo. Kennan,
Medina, New York.

Dear Mr. Kennan:

Your fine article on Alexander Graham Bell, published in a recent number of the "Outlook" was enjoyed so much by myself and family that I want to tell you how muchwe appreciated it.

Those Wednesday evenings in Dr. Bell's attractive gathering room will never be forgotten by those of us who were privileged to meet there.

Your letter of May 30 in regard to the Harriman book was forwarded to me here and was most gratifying. We were very much surprised to learn that a second edition was called for only three weeks after publication—a [illegible].

A few weeks ago Mrs. Harriman came out here, and I had the pleasure of acting as guide during a hurried trip through the redwoods of Humboldt County, in which she took a keen interest. She is looking better this year than when I saw here last, I am happy to say.

I have been very busy in fieldwork in the northern part of the State, trying to complete my maps and notes on the native Indian tribes before it is too late. There is urgent need for this for the double reason that I am no longer young, and the last remnants of many tribes are rapidly passing out of existence.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Kennan and yourself.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

October 13, 1922

Mrs. Gertrude Bonnin,
℅ Dr. F. G. Collett,
3 City Hall Ave.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Bonnin:

Many thanks for your kindness and trouble in sending us your interesting articles from the San Francisco Bulletin, which we were very glad to read. We hope you will find time to write more of them.

It was a disappointment to us all that you were not able to visit us at our Lagunitas home. We hope you may be able to do this at some time in the future.

Trusting that your health is much imp roved and that your mission in Southern California is proving successful, we remain with best wishes.

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. Collett

Oct. 14, 1922

Mr Stephan Parish
Manchester, Calif.

Dear Mr Parish;

This morning I went to San Francisco to see you and was surprised to learn that you all had gone. It must have been a very hard trip for Mrs Parish. I hope she stood it and is enjoying the satisfaction of being again in her own home. I have been in Hospitals so much that I know how good it is to get home.

After I saw you last I made a trip up Russian River and got caught in the change of weather. Then came back home and hurt my right knee and had to be taken to the Saint Francis Hospital.

This will explain why I did not get to see you before.

We all start back for Washington, D.C. on October 25, so have only a few days left.

Next year I hope to see you and your mother again.

Mrs Merriam and my daughter join in kind regards to you all, and in the hope that Mrs Parish will recover from the journey and be much better.

Very truly yours,

Clinton Merriam

I know your expenses have been very heavy lately and am enclosing a small contribution.

1919 Sixteenth Street
November 6, 1922

Dr. Edward Francis
Public Health Service
Washington. D.C.

Dear Dr. Francis:

Your inquiry of October 21 concerning the meaning of the name Tulare, as applied to a town, county, lake and district in California, was forwarded to my summer headquarters in California and has just arrived.

You are entirely correct in your supposition that the name is derived from the reed tule, which forms extensive marshes — some of vast size — about Tulare Lake and several other lakes of the region, and also at certain places along the borders of the rivers. These tracts were called Tularenos by the early Spaniards, and the general term Tulare country is commonly applied to the south end of San Joaquin Valley, from the base of the mountains near old Fort Tejon to some distance north of the former northern limit of Tulare Lake (the proper name of which is Tache).

The region is interesting from the faunal standpoint, and several species characteristic of it have been named tularense or tularensis.

Dr EF 2

While the name in question is universally applied to thee region mentioned, there are also extensive tule marshes much farther no north, particularly along the lower Sacramento and Suisun Bay region, and others bordering Napa and Petaluma rivers, as a consequence of which the name 'Tulares' was applied by some of the early Spanish writers to tule marshes north, as well as to those south of San Francisco Bay.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U. S. Geographic Board

1919 16th Street
Washington, D C
Nov.74, 1922

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense accounts for September(95.58)and October(271.09) amounting together to $366.67; and also voucher for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, for $24.50, which I shall be obliged if you will pay from the Harriman fund.

During September and October there were two families of Indians, representing 3 tribes, in San Francisco, where the wives were in hospitals for serious operations. This gave me an unusual opportunity to obtain vocabulary material in unprecedated comfort, so between field trips I made a number of trips to the city. Besides, I took one of the men back to Lagunitas with me several times and got a splendid lot of material.

Shall call on you in a few days--as soon as my train cold passes away.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Kindly send me a check please

C.Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th street, Washington, D.C.

Expense account for September 1922

Sept.1-2	Lagunitas-San Fran.& return,via Sausalito				36
	Photostat 2 maps NW Calif.(22x46 & 22x50)	1		5	10
	Street cars .60;Medicine for Indians $3.80			4	40
	Cartwright Hotel, Room	2		2	50
	Meals			4	25
	Fares 2 Inds.to Lag.via Sausalito,ret.S.Anselmo			1	16
" 9	A.M.Gilbert:3 days copying Vocabs.@ $3.50	3		10	50
	5 gallons gas, Lagunitas @ 24			1	20
" 11	Mrs.P.J.Cullen,services Stenographer 1 day	4		4	00
" 13-14	Fare SanAnselmo-SanFrancisco 40;Street cars 35				75
	Meals 2.50;Fare SanFran.-Lagunitas & ret. 1.20			3	70
	Room, Cartwright Hotel	5		2	50
" 15	Sparrow Bros.SanRafael:work on starter & battery			1	46
	Lagunitas: 10 gals.gas @ 24			2	40
	Fare SanFran.-Lagunitas & ret.for Ind.S.Parish			1	20
" 17	S.Parish,Vocab.work 1½ day @ $4	6		6	00
" 21-22	SanFrancisco:Street cars 45: Meals $3.50			3	95
	Cartwright Hotel, Room	7		2	50
	Return fare SanFran-Lagun. self & Ind.Parish			2	40
" 24	S.Parish, 2 days vocab.work @ $4	8		8	00
" 25	San Rafael: 10 gals.gas @ 23 (price down)			2	30
	" " can Alemite grease			1	50
	" " Kaenel & Becker: changing eng. oil &c	9		4	75
" 27	Sausalito-SanFran.& ret.(to Hoaglin Indians)				30
	Pad & pencils 30; Street cars 45; meals 3.20			3	95
	Cartwright Hotel, Room	10		2	50
29	Santa Rosa: 9 gals.gas @ 23½			2	10
30	Cloverdale: Dad Snyders Hotel:Sup.ldg.& bkfst.	11		3	50
	" Storage of Car over night 50;oil 35				85
	Geyserville:John Thompson,Indian,Vocab.work			4	00
	Lunch & Supper			1	50
				95	58

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95.58

C.Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th street, Washington, D.C.

Expense account for October 1922 — Subvoucher xxxx

Oct.	1	Geyserville Hotel: Supper, lodging & breakfast	1	2	00
		" Garage: Car over night			50
		" John Thompson, Ind. 1 day wood work		2	00
		Dinner & supper en route		1	50
"	3	San Rafael, 8 gals. gas @ 23		1	84
		SanAnselmo-SanFrancisco & ret.(Ind.Bd.Cooperat'n) Street cars .35; Meals 1.75		2	10
"	4	San Fran.to see Hoaglin Indians: Str.cars 20; Meals 1.75;Fare SanFran-Lagunitas & ret.1.20		3	15
"	6	SanFran, Hoaglin Inds: Str.cars &hand baggage.45 Room Cartwright Hotel(daytime)1;Meals with 2 Inds.4.50;Return fare SanFran-Lagunitas.1.20		7	15
"	7	SanFran.with 2 Hoaglin Inds: Trip Acad.Sciences Museum 1.80;Meals 3.25;Ret.fareS.F-Lag. 1.20		6	25
"	10	Marsh & Co. Photo work	2	3	18
"	11	San Fran: Street cars 20;Meals 1.75;Fare S.F.to Lagunitas & return 1.20		3	15
"	12	SanRafael:5 gals.gas @ 23,1.15;stamps,envelopes 55		1	70
"	13	Mrs.F.J.Cullen, Stenographer, 1 day	3	4	00
"	14	SanAnselmo-SanFran.& ret.60;st.cars 25;meals 1.25		2	10
		Stephen Parish, Indian, for expenses		5	00
"	15	Trip up Russian River:10 gals gas SanRafael 2.30 Petaluma,Differential drained & refilled 2.10; alemiting car 1.60; Meals 2.00		8	00

Oct.	16	Healdsburg: Storage of car over night			50
		"Bkfst.& supper, 1.80; Dinner self & Indian, 1.50		3	30
		Joe McCloud, Indian Vocab. work		4	00
		Fig crackers for Indian children			60
"	17	Healdsburg Garage, car over night.50; meals 2.50		3	00
		Indians from Stewarts Point (Jarvis family)		6	00
		Fig crackers for Indian children			30
"	18	Healdsburg Garage, Car over night 50; Meals 2.50		3	00
"		Henry Maximilian & wife (Indians, Vocab.work)		6.	50
		Garage, filling batteries & universal		1	00
		Hotel Plaza, Room 3 nights, Oct. 15-18	4	6	00
"		Santa Rosa (evg. en route home): 9 gals. gas @ 23¢		2	12
"	20	San Rafael-San Francisco & return			60
		San Francisco: Street cars 20; Meals 1.50		1	70
"		A.M. Gilbert: 2 days copying Vocabularies @3.50	5	7	00
"	23	Marsh & Co. Photo work	6	1	84
"	26	Two telegrams to Washington @ 73		1	46
"		Baggage out, Legunitas 1; St.Cars San Fran. 25		1	25
"	27	RR fare San Francisco-Washington		106	18
"		Pullman lower, Oakland to Washington		31	88
"	27-31	Meals en route 15; Pullman Porter 1.		16	00
"	31	Baggage in, Washington			60
"	31	Expressage on Vocabularies & Mss from Calif.	7	12	04
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C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street,
Washington, D.C.
November 7, 1922.

Dr. E.W. Nelson
Orosi, Tulare Co., Calif.

Dear Nelson:

Am writing you at Orosi, but don't know surely that you are there. Shoudd have written you earlier but for the press of travel and various matters since we left California.

On returning to Lagunitas from a field trip on Russian River, I found your letter of October 13, written on the train near Seattle, but since then have not known where you were. Elizabeth was half packed when your letter came and I had to pitch in and get my things ready in time to reach Washington before the expiration of our return tickets on October 31.

The grapes you were good enough to have sent did not arrive until the day before we left Lagunitas, as a result of which we overdid the matter of home consumption and were obliged to carry a good sized box on the train, where they gradually disappeared. It is useless to speak of their quality and flavor as you already know all about this side of the grape question, and it is hardly necessary either to repeat our thanks for your attention and generosity.

We have installed a NoKol heater, in place of the old coal grate, and find the change highly gratifying, since so far it has been necessary to run the thing only a few hours in the twenty-four. In fact, it runs itself, as whenever the temperature falls below the set of the thermostat the thing starts automatically.

It is a great pity that your stay in California is to be cut short this year, for you must need a long rest to put you in shape for the winter. But perhaps the outdoors work at the ranch will in part make up for the lack of a reasonable vacation.

The outside walls of the apartment next door are reaching the roof today and we trust that hereafter the accumulation of plaster and broken bricks on our front steps will come to an end.

With love from us all and hoping to see you soon,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.
November 7, 1922

Dr. F.M. Chapman
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Chapman:

Your letter of September 23, written off Hatteras, reached us at Lagunitas on our return from the field trip in the north, and you need not be told that we were glad to hear from you. It certainly is a great satisfaction that you are able to make these successive and successful field trips to South America, always with such fruitful results. It goes without saying that your comprehensive knowledge of the diversified physiography and life zones of South America puts you in a far more commanding position than any naturalist heretofore. This gives you a background that counts for permanency in all of your publications. I congratulate you on having accomplished so much.

You speak of the inaccuracy of current maps and their failure to give any real idea of the topography. Don't imagine that this is peculiar to South America, for I have always suffered from the same thing in California, where, for the diversified relief of the northwestern quadrant of the state, no maps exist.

I, too, have had a very successful field season, having made important additions and corrections to my maps showing the distribution of Indian tribes. During the past two years I have mapped the territory of five tribes whose names were heretofore unknown to ethnologists.

Nowadays I usually succeed in keeping away from scientific meetings. Nevertheless, I may be in New York during the winter, in which case I shall, of course, hunt you up. On the other hand, we hope to see you and Mrs. Chapman here before many months.

Elizabeth and Zenaida join in love to you both.

Yours as ever,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.
November 7, 1922.

Mr. J.W. Scollick
U.S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Scollick:

Glad to know that you are willing to let these small accounts run until they amount to enough to justify a formal voucher. I am, therefore, saving your last account until the next one comes in. It is all right to send in a voucher whenever the total amount exceeds $5.

With best wishes,

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Dr. Walter K. Fisher
Pacific Grove, California

Dear Walter:

We were greatly disappointed that you and your wife were not able to come to Lagunitas before we left. However, there was not time for a real visit and if you had come it would have been merely an introduction. Now we are planning to return to California in April and hope to have a good visit at Lagunitas whenever you and Mrs. Fisher are free to come. We still have a lot of unfinished field work benked up in the northern part of the state.

With best wishes to you both from all of us,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.
November 7, 1922

Mr. Luther J. Goldman
Boise, Idaho

Dear Goldman:

Your brother gave us an unnecessary chill, for, on returning to Washington, I learned from Bailey that the long and much coveted grisly skull from the lava beds, which you shipped in July, was actually received and is now in the Museum. I should have seen it several days ago, but ~~from~~ for the circumstance that I must first recover from a train cold.

Will write you later after I have examined it. This is merely a line to express my great joy that the long hoped for skull is here safe and sound.

Yours as ever,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.
November 8, 1922

Dr. George R. Hill, Director
Utah Agricultural College
Logan, Utah

Dear Dr. Hill:

Your letter of October 18 is before me, as I have now returned to Washington for the winter. In compliance with your request I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to you, dated September 4.

I appreciate your efforts in my behalf in the matter of the skull of the Grizzly, concerning which you wrote me on August 25, and earnestly hope you will be able to secure it.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

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1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.
November 8, 1922

Mr. Luther J. Goldman
Boise, Idaho

Dear Goldman:

Since writing you yesterday I have seen your letter of August 17 addressed to Dr. E.W. Nelson, telling about a small bear you found dead in the Sawtooth National Forest. You stated that the specimen would be shipped as soon as cured, but they tell me that it has not yet been received. I am naturally anxious to see it and shall be obliged if you will let me know when and how it was shipped.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.
November 8, 1922

Mackay & Dippie
Calgary, Alberta

Dear Sirs:

On returning to Washington from the West I find your letter of October 10, inquiring whether I wish to purchese any more good grizzly skulls.

In reply would say that I will purchese skulls, accompanied with reliable data as to the locality where the bear was killed, but am not able to pay as high prices as heretofore, the maximum being eight or ten dollars for a reasonably perfect skull of a fully adult male; five dollars for adult females; proportionally less for immature of both sexes.

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.
November 8, 1922

Jacob VanDeloo, Esq.
Secretary, State Museum
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

If I have been correctly informed, the price of the portfolio of 'Wild Flowers of New York', issued by the Museum under Professor Clarke's direction, is $2.50, plus 23 cents postage, and the portfolio of one hundred and six colored plates of birds by Fuertes $1, post paid.

I am, therefore, enclosing my check for $3.73 and shall be greatly obliged if you will send one copy of each to my Washington address, 1919 Sixteenth Street. If the amount enclosed is not correct please let me know and I will remit the balance.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
November 9, 1922

Mr. Horace M. Albright
Supt.,Yellowstone National Park
Wyoming.

My dear Mr. Albright:

Pardon me for jogging your memory again in regard to the Yellowstone grizzly bears. When I last heard from you you expected to be able to send me a few skulls at the end of the season. I should appreciate the courtesy if you would kindly have them shipped, charges collect, addressed U.S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Some time ago I was told that you were preparing an account of the killing of a man by a grizzly during the present season. I am much interested in this and shall be very glad to see your account.

Hoping to hear from you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street
November 9, 1922

Mr. Frank Adams
2527 Berkeley Street
Berkeley, California

My dear Mr. Adams:

While in California last summer you were good enough to send me a set of the State irrigation maps, colored and plain. They proved of so much assistance to me in the field that I left them there for future use, and I am wondering if you could send me another set for use in Washington. If so, I shall be greatly obliged and only too glad to remit any expense connected therewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman.

1919 Sixteenth Street
November 9, 1922

Mr. Charles T. Luthy
Peoria, Illinois

My dear Sir:

On returning from California I find your two books, entitled 'The Universal Alphabet' and 'Human Speech Sounds' awaiting attention. It goes without saying that I shall find much of interest in them and am greatly obliged for your courtesy in sending them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman.

1919 Sixteenth Street
Washington, D.C.
November 9, 1922

Mr. Stephen Parish
Point Arena, California

My dear Mr. Parish:

Your letter of October 29 has just arrived and I am glad to hear from you. Mrs. Merriam and my daughter and myself are all exceedingly sorry to learn that your wife is dead. We knew that she was very sick and that her chance of recovery was small, but still hoped that she might live for some time to come. We know she was a good woman and that you will miss her sadly.

Next spring we hope to return to California and shall try to see you.

With best wishes to yourself and your mother,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Washington, D.C.
1919 Sixteenth Street
November 9, 1922

Mr. Daniel H. Newhall
154 Nassau Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Referring to your list No.179, I should be obliged if you would send me, if not already sold:

16. Bancroft: Map of California. 1878. $1.50
24. Bruce,Wallace: Yosemite. Boston,1880. 1.50
118. Muir,John: Yosemite. N.Y.,1912. 5.50

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 10, 1922

San Francisco CALL
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

Can you send me a copy of the CALL for May 20, 1922? If so, I shall be greatly obliged and will remit whatever price you indicate.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 10, 1922

Smith Book Company
914 Union Central Bldg
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sirs:

If not already sold, please send me the following publications advertized in your recent list:

Washington Irving's 'Astoria'
Map, 2 vols. Philadelphia, 1836. $3.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 10,1922

Rev. Frederick G.Collett
Indian Board of Cooperation
3 City Hall Avenue
San Francisco, California

My dear Dr. Collett:

Your telegram of November 3 has just reached me, forwarded by mail from Lagunitas. We left Lagunitas October 26 and are now back in our Washington home for the winter.

I regret missing the meeting mentioned and am particularly sorry to miss the opportunity to meet the twenty Indians who were to be present at the conference.

I expect to return to California in early April.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 11, 1922

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed herewith I am handing you my check on the National Metropolitan Bank for $500, in repayment of the same amount, advanced me for field expenses in May last.

Very truly yours
Ethnol. American -

See p. 460

November 13, 1922

University of California Press
Berkeley, California

Dear Sirs:

Will you kindly send me the following publications from your press, together with bill for same?

1 copy Smiley's Boreal Flora, 1921.
2 copies McKern's Functional Families of the Patwin, 1922.
2 copies Barrett's Myths of the Southern Sierra Miwok, 1919.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 13, 1922

Mr. Herbert Putnam
Librarian, Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

Will you kindly tell me if as Research Associate of the Smithsonian Institution (or as Chairman of the U. S. Geographic Board).I am entitled to the privilege of borrowing books directly from the Library of Congress, instead of getting them indirectly through the Smithsonian Institution or the Department of Agriculture? As my office is uptown this would save considerable time and greatly facilitate my work. The books I am likely to need usually fall under the head of zoology, anthropology, or travel in the United States.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude for the use of one of the Library tables, which my assistant, Miss Clemence, has had during the past few months, and which has been of great assistance to me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 13, 1922

Otto Lange
132 Via Serragli
Florence
Italy

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your catalogue No. 43 (1922) recently received. Please send the following books addressed to me at 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.--

1285. Lienhard, Californien, 1898. 5 francs.
1286. Meyer, Nach dem Sacramento, 1855. 5 francs.

As your catalogue states that prices do not include postage, and as I have no means of knowing what the postage will be, I shall be obliged if you will send me a bill for the books, on receipt of which I will remit at once.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 13, 1922

Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I should like to buy the following government publications, and shall be obliged if you will let me know their cost, so that I may send the money for them. --

War Records:

War of the Rebellion. Series I. Serial No.105, Vol.50, Part 1.
-- ---------- ----------. Serial No.106, Vol.50, Part 2.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 13, 1922

Professor Wm.E.Colby
Mills Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Colby:

Can you tell me about the origin of the name Mount Vision, as applied to the highest point of the Inverness Ridge?

The question has come up in the Government Geographic Board as to when and why the name was changed from the earlier name, Point Reyes Hill.

The 'Coast Survey' writes me that the name Point Reyes Hill has been carried on their maps since 1855.

As the matter is likely to come up at the next meeting of the Board, to be held the first week in December, I should be greatly obliged if you will let me know what you find out about the change of name, at an early date.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Colby,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman

November 13, 1922

Editor
Santa Rosa Press-Democrat
Santa Rosa, California

My dear Sir:

A clipping from your paper under date of October 22, 1922, contains two rather remarkable statements in regard to attacks by Indians. One states, on the basis of a report from Carson Valley, that a surveying party in a conflict with Indians lost four horses. The other, in a note from the 'Oregonian', speaks of an attack by Sioux Indians on the Sweet Water, eight miles from Devil's Gate, Wyoming, in which four whites and between twenty and thirty Indians were killed.

If these statements related to occurrences of fifty years ago they would be easy to understand, but at present they are rather difficult to believe.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 15, 1922

Mr. H.H. Pittman
Hartney, Manitoba

Dear Mr. Pittman:

After writing you from California I received the second specimen of bat which you sent on October 4 and which was marked 'B'. This, like the former specimen, proves to be Myotis lucifugus. It is more typical (normal) than the former specimen. I have turned it in to the National Museum collection as donated by you.

If your photographs are good I should be very glad to see them, particularly those showing the use of the interfemoral membrane in feeding. Shall be glad also to see your notes on this when you publish, as I hope you will.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 15, 1922

Mr. H.S. Allen
121 Second Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Allen:

You have sent me a number of interesting clippings since my return, particularly those relating to a recent convention of Californian Indians in San Francisco.

This leads me to remark that you have been sending me clippings on bears and mountain lions for years as a personal favor, but have not heretofore done business with me on a business basis.

Now, in regard to Indian clippings, I want to decline your personal generosity and at the same time retain the advantage of your experience and machinery. In other words, I want all the clippings I can get relating to the Indians of California and Nevada and want to pay for them, the same as other customers pay for what clippings you send them. I have a fund for this purpose, so that the transaction will not impoverish the Merriam family. If, therefore, you will kindly list me as indicated and send bills at intervals, in accordance with your custom, I shall be greatly obliged.

Regretting that I was unable to see more of you last season and with kindest regards to Mrs. Allen and the children,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 15, 1922

Mr. William Fuller
Saulsbyville, California

My dear Mr. Fuller:

I regretted not being able to visit you last summer, but hope for better luck next spring.

I have recently seen newspaper notices of an Indian convention in San Francisco and am very sorry that I was not there. If I had known about it before I left, the end of October, I should have stayed in order to see you and the others. But I knew nothing about it until after my return to Washington.

I have not heard anything as to plans for the coming winter, but am afraid that very little can be done here in Washington under the present Administration.

With best wishes to you and your family and people,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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November 15, 1922

Mr. Val A. Fynn
4954 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 10th inst. telling me about your Alaska hunt. I regret your lack of success, but this of course is hunter's luck on a first trip, and you will doubtless fare better the next time you go. Inexperienced guides and those deficient in local knowledge have defeated many a good hunter before now.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

November 16, 1922

Mr. James W. McGuire
Coast & Geodetic Survey
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. McGuire:

Your letter of October 26 was written on the day I left Lagunitas in California on the way back to Washington, where it finally reached me.

I am glad to see that someone besides myself is getting stirred up over the horrible duplication of geographic names in California — a matter that has troubled me for very many years.

The remedy cannot be applied arbitrarily with an iron rod, but in each case must depend on present local usage, the length of time the name has been in common use, and the relative density or sparseness of the population.

With reference to the cases you mention in Marin County, we are confronted by the pitiful fact that no fairly reliable map of this county exists at the present time, so that, aside from the Point Reyes and Petaluma sheets of the Geological Survey, I am not aware of any map of even approximate accuracy. This is frankly admitted by Edward Denny, the map publisher of San Francisco, who has himself published maps covering the greater part of the county.

As to the name San Antonio Creek: This fortunately is clear; it should be restricted to the stream you mention as flowing into

Petaluma Creek and forming part of the boundary between Marin and Sonoma Counties.

The name Estero Americano, as you know, was early applied to Tomales Bay. It was so used by de Mofras in 1844 (on his chart 17), and his usage was followed by Tyson in 1850 and also by Ringgold, likewise 1850. But for the past fifty years it appears to have been applied generally to the northern tributary of Bodega Bay.

On Scholfield's map of South Oregon and North California (1851), Bodega and Tomales Bays are united under the name of the former.

The names Estero San Antonio and Arroyo San Antonio have been applied in a very confusing way and should be dropped altogether so far as the Tomales Bay region is concerned. The stream labeled Arroyo San Antonic on the Coast Survey chart, entering Tomales Bay just north of Hamlet and flowing westerly south of the town of Tomales, is locally known as Keyes [or Keys] Creek, which name appears to be fairly established.

The name Salmon Creek from long usage is well established for the stream flowing westerly into the Pacific, between the mouth of Russian River and Bodega Head. It would be unfortunate to apply the same name to any other stream in this region.

As to the name Mount Vision: It was engraved on the first imprint of the photolith map of Point Reyes quadrangle sent me by Marshall five or six years ago, and immediately below it was printed the old name, Point Reyes Hill. I know nothing of its origin, but have written William E. Colby, President of the Sierra Club, who has a summer place at Inverness, and hope to have a reply in a few days.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

November 16, 1922

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr.Knight:

All summer I had planned and expected to go to see you before returning to Washington, but was prevented. During the latter part of the season I hurt my knee and had to go to a hospital in San Francisco.

I left California the latter part of October. At that time I had not heard anything about the meeting which was held in San Francisco early in November. If I had known about it I would have stayed, as I should have been glad to hear what was said and done and might have been of some assistance. I earnestly hope that good will come from this meeting.

I do not know anything about plans for the present winter and am afraid that it is hopeless to bring the question of the Court of Claims bill up again while the present administration is in power.

If you have anything to tell me I shall be glad to hear from you at any time, and if I can be of any help you will of course let me know.

We expect to return to California early in April and I shall certainly make an effort to see you as soon as practicable.

With best wishes from us all,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 16, 1922

Dr. Pliny E. Goddard
Am. Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Dr. Goddard:

About a year ago I saw a notice that you were to give a talk on Wylakke Indians before some society. Have you published this or do you intend to publish on the Wylakke in the near future?

I am anxious to absorb as much information as possible about these people,and should greatly appreciate the benefit of anything you are publishing on the subject.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 18, 1922

Mr. Herman Henderson
Oakland, California.

Dear Herman:

The last time I saw you you told me about a new oil burner recently adopted by the American Radiator Company. I was quite excited over this and told several friends about it. They made inquiries and were told that no such oil burner exists. Whereupon I wrote to the American Radiator Company and have today received their reply, in which they say: "Any Ideal Boiler will burn oil. It is only a question of obtaining the proper oil burner, which we do not manufacture. We suggest that you take the matter up with the General Oil Burner Sales Corporation or the Nokol Automatic Heater Company."

This puts me in an awkward position in relation to the people to whom I have recently recommended the Ideal Heater machine. If it were not to put you to too much trouble I should appreciate your courtesy in the matter if you will obtain and send me a circular of the oil burner you told me about.

The three Lagunitas Merriams reached Washington safely, since which we have installed in our old furnace a Nokol burner which burns a certain grade of distillate and thus far has given

great satisfaction. It is controlled by a thermostat upstairs and a water regulator at the boiler and requires no attention on our part.

The weather so far has been mild and the several members of the Merriam family have avoided street accidents and other impediments to health and happiness.

With kindest regards to your good wife and all the other good Hendersons, and with love from us all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 18, 1922

Dr. Pliny E. Goddard
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Dr. Goddard:

Very many thanks for your promptness in replying to my inquiry about the prospects of publication of your work on the Wilakki. I appreciate your courtesy in giving me this information and in offering to send me proofs of one of your forthcoming papers. But from what you say and from your previous publications it is obvious that your special interests and mine in ethnological work lie along quite different lines, although we lap over in the matter of locating village sites.

I am particularly interested in tribal boundaries and tribal names and have wanted to credit you with information along these lines that you may have obtained prior to my own work.

Yes, during the past season I spent a good deal of time in Humboldt and Trinity Counties and succeeded in making several additions and a few corrections to my previous maps.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 18, 1922

Mr. M. Hall Mc Allister
485 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Mc Allister:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 10th inst. and accompanying photographs, which have just arrived, showing the lodge you have recently erected for the Sierra Club at Horse Camp on Mt. Shasta.

You certainly have put up a most substantial and attractive lodge and one that will in the natural order of things be a great comfort to many people.

But as to the proposed horse trail to the summit and another lodge up there — that strikes me as a pretty big proposition — one that would require a large amount of money — so much, indeed, that at first sight the question naturally arises as to whether it would be worth the cost.

Having had a base camp near timberline on Shasta for several months and having made the complete circuit of the peak between timberline and the lower edge of the glaciers, I do not yield to anyone in my admiration for the splendid mountain.

As you suggest, I will talk the matter over with Dr. John C. Merriam the next time I see him.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you when in California next season,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

November 20, 1922

William J. Campbell
1731 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your catalogue No. 59 just received. Please send me the following book listed therein together with bill for same.

312. Josiah Priest. American Antiquities and Discoveries in the West, 1833. $1.50

Very truly yours
C. Hart Merriam

November 20, 1922

Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of November 18 enclosing price list No. 50. Please send me the following documents listed therein.--

War of Rebellion. Ser.I, No. 105, Vol.50, Part 1	$0.75
---------- 106, Vol.50, Part 2	.80
Biographical Notes on Early California, 1542-1852	.55
Reports on Utah Expedition against rebel Mormons under Brigham Young	.45
Separatism in Utah, 1847-1870	.65
Historical Research in the Far West	.65
	$3.85

I am enclosing check for $3.85 and should be obliged for a receipted bill which I may use as a sub-voucher.

Please send me also price lists Nos. 24, 31, 35, 49, 53, and 69.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Recd.
Dec. 4, 1922

November 25, 1922

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Thanks for your invitation to lunch with you to meet Dr. Thomas Barbour on Monday, November 27 at 12.20 at the Cosmos Club. I shall be very glad to be present.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Have been away for a few days — —

November 25, 1922

Dr. R.M. Anderson
Chief, Division of Biology
Victoria Memorial Museum
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

Your letter of November 22 has just arrived. I subscribed to Professor Macoun's autobiography when it was first announced and found the book awaiting me on my recent return from California.

So far as personal feelings go I should be glad to review it, but owing to the pressure of other matters and the condition of my health I have had to give up reviews — even in the case of books published by personal friends.

I am glad to know of your recent field work, especially of your study of the eastern woodland caribou, and am glad to know that you secured a series of specimens for the Victoria Museum.

I have not been able to do much work with the bears during the past two years, owing to a combination of more pressing matters, including three sieges in hospitals. However, I was able to do a satisfactory bit of field work in California during the past summer and hope to get back to the bears during the coming winter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 27, 1922

Mr. A. M. Robertson
Union Square
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Will you kindly send the following books to me at my Washington address together with bill for same:

W. A. Chalfant, Story of Inyo (published by author),1922.

Fr. Zephyrin Engelhardt, History of San Diego Mission, 1921.

Fr. Zephyrin Engelhardt, History of San Juan Capistrano Mission, 1922.

Fr. Zephyrun Engelhardt, History of San Luis Rey Mission,1922.

Fr. Juan Caballeria y Collell, History of San Bernardino Valley, from the padres to the pioneers. Times-Index Press, San Bernardino, Calif., 1902.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

November 28, 1922

Postmaster
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

For a long period of years there was a letter box on the corner of 16th and Caroline Streets. A year or two ago this box was removed, much to the annoyance and inconvenience of residents of the east side of 16th Street and those of Caroline Street.

In order to reach the present box at the corner of 16th and U Streets it is necessary to make two of the most dangerous crossings in the city, particularly between 4.30 and 7 p.m.- a period during which, if I am not mistaken, most of the letter are mailed.

In the interest of personal safety and of a large number of letter writers in this part of the city I wish to ask if a mail box cannot be reinstated where it was formerly located, on the corner of 16th and Caroline Streets, close to the house of Justice Van Devanter of the Supreme Court.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Tinkham

November 28, 1922

Mr. C.S. Sloane, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board
Census Office, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

The pamphlet you sent me just as I was leaving California has been returned to me here. I refer to the one entitled 'The Achievements of Captain Robert Gray'. This I have read with much interest. But the letter you mentioned enclosing has not yet come to hand.

I have not found anything in the pamphlet taking issue with any of my statements regarding the name Mount Rainier.

I expect to be present at the next meetings of the Committee and of the Board.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Tinkham

December 2, 1922

Mr. W. I. Adams
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for the month of November amounting to $56.67; a voucher for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, $24.50; and a voucher for Miss B. Cunradi, services as stenographer and assistant, half-days, November 6-30 inclusive, at the rate of $1600 per annum. Not being sure of the amount, I am leaving this for you to fill in. In case the form of this voucher is not satisfactory, please fix one up the way you prefer.

Kindly send a batch of sub-vouchers.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Subvouchers 8 & 9 not yet rec'd. Will forward in a few days — CM

Am also enclosing bills as follows:

Adams -- 1000 Letter heads	$14.00
University California Publications	6.30
Virginia Paper Co.-- 4 M Paper	8.00

Dr. C.Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for November

Oct.27	Photostat copies, Tanner maps [illegible]	1	2	00
Nov. 6	Columbia Photo Supply Co. Developing & Printing	2	3	20
" 7	Morrison Paper Co. ½ doz.Stenog.note books.	3		75
8	Stockett-Fiske Co. Two record books, 2 erasers	4	3	80
	Nat'l.Window Cleaning Co. Cleaning windows of office rooms.		1	20
	State Museum, Albany, N.Y. Portfolios of Flowers & Birds for use in Indian field work.	5	3	73
			3	00
" 11	Daniel H. Newhall. Books.	6	3	54
" 13	Library Bureau. 1000 3x5 cards (ruled)			80
	Tokens & bus tickets for assistants on errands			15
	Thread for binding.		3	85
" 20	Gov't.Printing Office, Docs. [illegible]			45
" 28	Stockett-Fiske Co. Bands & eternal ink.	7		
	Campbell:Priest's American Antiquities, 1833.	8	1	50
" 29	Wisconsin State Hist.Soc. Orderway's & Turnbull's Journals	9	3	50
			2	50
	Field & Stream, for 1923		2	10
	Road & Gun in Canada, for 1923	10	4	00
	Outdoor Life (Denver). 2 copies		1	50
	Herbert E. Wilson's Yosemite.		3	10
	Postage & stamped envelopes.			
	Florence Johnson. House cleaning office rooms $5; cleaning office rooms month of Nov. $5	11	10	00
			2	00
	Electric current to Nov. 20			
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C. Hart Merriam

December 4, 1922

Dr. George R. Hill, jr.
Utah Agricultural College
Logan, Utah

Dear Dr. Hill:

I am overjoyed to learn that you have actually secured the Wasatch grizzly skull and I wish to thank you and your troop of Boy Scouts for what you have done. The boys evidently did a mightly good job in finding the place.

Now, as to the treatment of the skull: The bad smell is probably due in the main to decaying brains, which should be washed out, but without injuring the natural opening in the rear of the skull. However, this is a disagreeable job and if the skull is dried in the air for a week or two the smell will probably diminish, so that the thing may be shipped. It should be well wrapped in newspapers and packed in a box which should be shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: U.S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Your name and address should be written on a tag attached to the skull and also on the outside of the box, so that there may be no danger of confusing it with others, which are arriving every few days — chiefly from British Columbia and Alaska.

Dr.Geo.R.Hill,jr. -2

If the skull reaches us before the end of the month a check will be sent in return the first of January.

I wish you would kindly tell the Boy Scouts how much I appreciate their successful effort in this matter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

December 4, 1922

Mr. Howard Fuguet, Sec'y.
Wilderness Club
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Fuguet:

Very many thanks for your invitation to attend the annual dinner of the Wilderness Club on Saturday, December 9. As I was not able to enjoy this privilege last year I shall be particularly glad to be with you this year if practicable. But of this I am not yet sure. Will let you know toward the latter part of the week.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

PS: I have a gift subscription and am daily visiting Dr. E.W. Nelson at the Biological Survey. Nelson has a severe grip-cold including fever & must be sick for a week. Have I from I had better decide, as I always want to go. If I am fit to go, will wire you Friday morning. If not, kindly remember me to other officers & members of Club. Cam

December 4, 1922

Hon. J.B. Harkin, Commissioner
Canadian National Parks
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of November 21, concerning Federal bird protection in Canada, I regret to say that my information in regard to the cases in question is too antiquated to admit of reply.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 4, 1922

Mr. James W. McGuire
U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. McGuire:

Replying to your letter of November 27, would say that I am not acquainted with the name Turep as applied to a mountain. Turep (Too'-rep), however, is the name of a stream and also of a village on Klamath River about 7 or 8 miles above Requa. If the same name is applied to the neighboring mountain I failed to get it.

The other name 'Tekwo', for a knifelike scarp on the coast, I did not get, but am likely to secure during the coming season.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 4, 1922

Mr. Donald R. Dickey
514 Lester Avenue
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Dickey:

Your letter addressed to me at Lagunitas has been forwarded to Washington, where we have been for about a month.

Owing to pressure of work in the north and the necessity of an early return to the east, I was not able to visit southern California this year, much to my regret.

We all are delighted to know that you are coming to Washington in February to give us a lecture on some of your big game exploits. This will be mighty interesting and we hope you and Mrs. Dickey, if she is with you, will be willing to put up with us while you are here.

Replying to your question as to the proper use of the word 'paratype', would say that I abominate all these complicated and to my feeble intellect wholly superfluous terms. In my personal experience, extending over some fifty years of work in zoology and botany, I have found the terms 'type' and 'topotype' wholly adequate and sufficient. Some years ago I ventured to incur the animosity of some of my friends by expressing in print my views on this subject.

With best wishes, and hoping to see you and Mrs. Dicker in February,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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December 4, 1922

Mr. Robert S. Yard
1512 H Street
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Yard:

Is it practicable to obtain a copy of the photograph of Grand Canyon from Bright Angel Point by George L. Beam, published in the Sierra Club Bulletin, Vol.11, facing page 319, issued the early part of the present year.

If you can tell me where I can obtain a print I shall greatly appreciate your courtesy and will of course remit any charges connected therewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 5, 1922

Mr. William P. Brenner
Grant, Montana

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of Nov.26, offering to send me the skull of a grizzly from your region. I greatly appreciate your courtesy in the matter and shall be very glad indeed to receive the specimen. Kindly send it by express, charges collect, addressed U.S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Please write your name and address on a tag attached to the skull and also on the outside of the box, so that there may be no danger of confusion. Skulls of big bears are coming in every few days and in some cases there is great difficulty in ascertaining who they are from.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

will write again in regard of skull -

December 5, 1922

Lieut.F.C. Higgins
Air Board
Ottawa, Canada

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of November 29, would state that I have referred your request for lists of topographical, geographical, geological and other maps to the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey, who doubtless will reply at an early date.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

December 5, 1922

Mr. R.A. Whall, Menager
Metropolitan Air Goods Co.
Athol, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of Nov. 29, enclosing sample of goods and photographs of your tent.

I notice that you speak of the material as "light weight". You do not mention the weight of the tent, but from the sample I infer that it must weigh two or three times as much as the tent I had in view.

I am not seeking a weather-proof tent, as it is not intended to keep out either cold, rain or mosquitoes, as we have none of these during the six months of each year that I spend in field work in California; neither have I any use for ground cloth. What I am after is the lightest possible tent as a protection from neighboring eyes when camping near other people.

I assume of course that your poles and rods are jointed.

I somehow got the idea that you make a tent of the kind shown in your photographs of really light material. The bulk and weight are all important to me.

I have not received any of your catalogues for the past two years and should be glad to have one.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 6, 1922

Mr. Brent Altsheler
Lincoln Bank Building
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of November 24. I am glad to know that you may possibly undertake a bear hunt in the lava beds region of eastern Oregon.

A trip to that region is not so difficult as you think. I have been there myself but did not see any bears. The region is accessible from either Klamath Falls or Bend; and at the same time the region is traversed by roads, so that it is possible to drive a car very close to, if not directly into, the area inhabited by these bears.

The Biological Survey and the National Museum would be very glad to have the specimens, if you succeed in securing any. It is not necessary to go to the expense of taking a taxidermist on the chance of killing one or more bears. Any hunter, guide or ranch boy would be able to prepare the specimens properly, in accordance with our printed directions.

I should not think of taking a moving picture camera, as there would not be one chance in many thousand of being able to use it. Ordinary photographs of the dead animal, however, would be of value.

Mr. B.Altsheler - 2

All of our bears den up in winter, coming out in early spring. The date of their emergence varies with the season. The fur is prime when they first appear after hibernation.

There would be no difficulty, I think, in the matter of the necessary hunting license.

Hunters and sheep men in the lava beds region of eastern Oregon claim that there are two wholly different species of bears there: a dwarf grizzly and a dwarf black or brown bear. A few years ago one of the sheep men gave me the skull and skin of a cub of the lava beds black bear; but it is too young to have attained the characters of the adult and therefore cannot be properly described.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

December 6, 1922

Mr. M. O. Chance
Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in replacing the mail-box on the northeast corner of Sixteenth and Caroline streets, as requested in my letter of November 28.

This is and will continue to be a great convenience to the numerous residents on the east side of this part of Sixteenth Street, and also obviates the danger of crossing three congested streets (Sixteenth, New Hampshire Avenue, and U) in order to reach the mail-box on the corner of Sixteenth and U.

With appreciative thanks,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

December 6, 1922

Mr. C.E. Sykes
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Sykes:

Thanks for your letter of November 28.

I shall be very glad indeed to see and measure your big skull and would also like to assure you that the National Museum would be extremely glad to accept it if you are willing to present the specimen as indicated in your letter.

Kindly have the skull securely packed and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed U.S. Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Please attach to the skull a tag bearing your name and address and also write your name and address on the outside of the box, so that there may not arise any question as to its identity, as we are receiving skulls of Big Bears from Alaska every little while.

I assume that this is the skull referred to by Colonel McGuire in the summer of 1921. Whereabouts on the Alaska Peninsula did you kill it?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 6, 1922

Mr.E.Mallinckrodt
Mallinckrodt Chemical Works
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Mallinckrodt:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me your important article on your Alaska Peninsula bear hunt. I am mighty glad to see this article in print and also to see that your illustrations have come out so well. You certainly succeeded in securing a most remarkable and at the same time most valuable series of photographs or the living bears. Your article is a noteworthy contribution to our knowledge of the habits of Ursus gyas, and I shall be glad to quote parts of it in my final work on the Big Bears.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 6, 1922

Dr. Edward D. Jones
208 Consolidated Realty Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Jones:

In compliance with my promise before leaving California, I am now sending you a copy of my review of the Big Bears.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 6, 1922

Lieut.G.T. Emmons
Princeton, N.J.

My dear Lieutenant Emmons:

In accordance with my promise before leaving California, I am mailing you herewith three copies of my revision of the Big Bears.

With kindest regards and the compliments of the season to yourself and family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 8, 1922

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

The address of the man to whom the Katmai small mammals, sent through Professor Briggs, are to be returned is Prof. James S. Hine, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

The three Bear skulls recently received from Clarence Sands of Atlin, B. C. were all killed in 1920 within 30 miles of Atlin.

Can you give me the date of receipt of Grizzly skull No. 242644 from Laidlow Park, Idaho? Probably received the latter part of May or early June.

Can you give me the date of receipt and name of sender of Grizzly skull No. 242652 from Williams, Arizona, reported to have been killed May 10, 1922?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 7, 1922

Miss Jeanne E. Wier
Secretary Nevada Historical Society
Reno, Nevada

Thanks for your letter of December 2nd in response to my inquiry about Mrs. Cohn's article on the Arts and Crafts of the Nevada Indians. I am enclosing U. S. Postal Money Order for 75 cents, for which please send me the report (in paper covers) containing this article.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 8, 1922

Mr. Clarence M. Sands
Atlin, British Columbia

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 28 reached me shortly after my return from California, and yesterday I went to the Museum and examined the three Bear skulls you sent in.

The prices you quote were those I was paying for perfect skulls from desirable localities about four years ago. Since then, owing to the large number of skulls received and the shortage of funds, I have been obliged to cut down the prices very materially.

Of the three skulls received, one is an adult male in good condition, which I am pricing at $10; one is an immature bear – a cub in the second year, with the base cut out, priced at $3; the third is a common Black bear, valued at $2; in all $15, which amount will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution about the end of the present month.

While there are many specimens from your region which the Museum would be glad to have, there are no funds available for their purchase.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 8, 1922

Mr. W.E. Duryea
Dutton
Iliamna Bay, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In your letter dated October 29, 1921, you mention sending two skulls by parcel post. The one from Anchorage was never received. The one from Dry Bay came last summer and is valued at $6, which amount will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian about the first of January.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 8, 1922

Mackay & Dippie
Calgary, Alberta

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of November 14 and the four skulls mentioned have now arrived and I have just examined them and have priced them as follows:

The one from Crows Nest Pass is an immature skull, with base cut out in removing the brains, valued at $3. The three from Champaigne are: adult male with base cut out, $5; adult female, $5; young male, $3; in all $16, a check for which will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian by the first of January.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

December 9, 1922

Mrs. Gertrude Bonnin
1830 California Street
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bonnin:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the carbon of your article entitled 'The California Indians Organization and Their Court of Claims Bill'. It reached me yesterday afternoon and I have read it with very great interest. It is a most comprehensive, accurate and altogether admirable statement of the history of the case, and I for one feel under an obligation to you for having made so careful a record.

Had I known in advance of the November meeting I should not have left California until afterward, as I am deeply interested in the organization.

I agree with you that the recent Indian convention in San Francisco is the most important step that has ever been taken in the interests of California Indians, and I feel also that the good results that will follow are due largely to the services rendered by yourself, Helen Dare and Stephen Knight.

Mrs. Merriam joins me in kind regards and in the hope that you and Captain Bonnin will call on us in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 9, 1922

Mr. H.H. Pittman
Hartney, Manitoba

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Many thanks for your letter of December 1 and accompanying photographs of bats, just received. Of these I am retaining five and returning by registered mail herewith the other five. As they are not numbered it is a little difficult to designate them properly. However, you will easily locate them by elimination.

I assume that the price of these with the privilege of reproduction is $2 each as heretofore, and unless I hear from you to the contrary I will have a check for $10 sent you about the end of the present month. They surely are an unusually interesting series of photographs, and your account of the feeding habits is an important contribution. You might publish this in the 'Journal of Mammalogy'.

I sympathize with your position in respect to natural history work. It is usually this way; one has to have a business or an occupation which claims most of his time, so that very little is left to do the thing one really wishes most to do. And your location in the midst of animals of various kinds offers unusual opportunities for making photographs and observations of habits.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 9, 1922

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Replying to your letter of the 4th inst., enclosing one from Herbert Corey, would say that on looking the matter up I find that the so-called "flies" are not Gammarid shrimps, as I supposed from the moving picture, but are the Water Boatman (Corixa femorata or mercenaria) belonging to the family Corixidæ of the Hemiptera. They are not related in any way to the "flies."

As to the maguey being a cactus, the idea is too absurd. The maguey is an Agave, whose relationship to the cactuses is comparable to that of a chipmunk to a cow.

When a lecturer depends for his information on a popular guide book the result is easily forecast. I think we fully agree that this sort of newspaper inaccuracy, not to use a stronger word, ill befits a lecturer of the National Geographic Society.

The lecturer's remark in the last sentence of his letter which you enclosed: "It is of no real consequence", in connection with some of his published writings, suffices to establish his standard of accuracy and reliability.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

1919 Sixteenth Street
December 9, 1922

Mr. William E. Colby
Mills Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Colby:

Very many thanks for your letters of November 21 and 28, both of which reached me yesterday, the former forwarded from Lagunitas. I am greatly obliged for the detailed information as to how both names, Mount Vision and Point Reyes Hill, may be perpetuated, and I am obliged also for the letter from Payne J. Shafter.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Colby,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Chairman

I am returning the original letter from Mr. Shafter as you may care to preserve it in a carnivorous

1919 Sixteenth Street
December 11, 1922

Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Sec'y.
U.S. Geographic Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

In compliance with a request from Mr. McGuire of the Coast Survey to secure data concerning the name Mount Vision, on Inverness Ridge, Point Reyes Peninsula, California, I wrote W.E. Colby, who has a summer residence near by. His replies, with accompanying letter from Payne J. Shafter, one of the oldest residents, are herewith enclosed.

You were greatly missed at the recent meetings of the Board and Executive Committee, and I trust that you will soon be again in your usual health.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 11, 1922

Mr. W. deC Ravenel
Administrative Assistant
U.S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ravenel:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th inst., enclosing a letter from R. Cunningham & Son of Port Essington, B.C., concerning the possible sale of specimens of an albino form of black bear described as Ursus kermodei.

I have little interest in albinos and for several years have had to cut down materially on the purchase of bear skulls, in order to have enough left to employ a stenographer; and for two years past the fund has not been sufficient to admit of renting an office, so that I am still using a considerable part of my house for office quarters. I am returning the Cunningham letter herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 11, 1922

Mr. Joseph Willits
Leytonville, California

My dear Mr. Willits:

Your letter of December 1 has just reached me at my Washington home. I am very sorry to learn that you are not yet entirely well, but have hopes that by next spring you will be in good shape again.

We are all glad to know that a kind-hearted friend brought your family a chicken for Thanksgiving.

I am very busy now trying to get my work in such shape that I can go back to California in the early spring, and I hope to see you all some time in April. We expected to see you and our other Long Valley friends at the hop-picking near Ukiah, but were not able to get there. I hurt my knee and had to go to a hospital in San Francisco for a short time, but am all right now.

We had our first snow yesterday — about an inch — and it is very cold today.

I am enclosing a check on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco for $10. which I hope will be a little Christmas help for you and your family. Any store or Bank in California will cash it for you.

Mrs. Merriam and my daughter join me in kind regards and best wishes to you and your family, and all our other friends at your settlement.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 11, 1922

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

In returning my November expense account, received with check this morning, I am enclosing also the 4 additional sub-vouchers not in hand at the time I transmitted my account.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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December 15, 1922

Mr. J.Van Deloo
State Museum
Albany, N.Y.

My dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send a copy of the portfolio of Flowers of New York to

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
Golden Gate Park
San Francisco, Calif.

Not knowing the cost of transmission, I am enclosing a check for $3.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street

G & C. Merriam Co.
Publishers Webster Dictionary
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Your letter of the 8th inst, inquiring about the spelling of certain geographic names, is at hand. Since the next meeting of the Government Geographic Board will not be held until some time in January I will reply so far as I can personally to your questions.

The Board prefers phonetic spelling where this can be done without violence to the name. Hence Makassar instead of Macassar. It seems desireble that a name should be so spelled as to indicate its pronunciation, which is hardly practicable when two such different sounds as the hard and soft sounds of 's' are used.

The Board prefers American to foreign usage in such words as 'Center', 'Basel', instead of 'Centre', 'Basle'. In the case of names little used in America, as those in China, the Board as a rule, but not always, adopts the spelling

recommended by the Royal Geographic Society of England, or as used on Admiralty charts.

In the case of Canadian names we generally adopt those given in the reports of the Geographic Board of Canada, and in the case of names along the International Boundary the Canadian and United States boards usually agree before publishing.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman

1919 Sixteenth Street
December 12, 1922

Mr. James W. McGuire
Coast & Geodetic Survey
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. McGuire:

Replying further to your inquiry about the names Point Reyes Hill and Mount Vision, on Inverness Ridge, Point Reyes Peninsula, California, would say that I have just heard from Mr. Wm.B.Colby, in reply to my inquiry. He tells me that both names may be retained, as there are two eminences half a mile or more apart on the summit of Inverness Ridge. Of these the higher one may retain the name Point Reyes Hill, while the other, which looks down directly on the settlement of Inverness, may continue to be known as Mount Visicn.

Mr. Colby encloses a letter from Colonel Payne J. Shafter, one of the oldest inhabitants, stating that the name Mount Vision was given by his father.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman

December 12, 1922

Mr. John S. Manning
5214 Baum Building
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 4 is at hand. As usual, you ask a multitude of questions which at the present time no man on earth can answer. In regard to the Bears, I am sending you a copy of my Review of the Grizzly and Big Brown Bears, published in 1918. This does not cover the South American Bears of which one or two forms additional to Ursus ornatus have been described. No museum in America contains enough specimens for attempt to ascertain the status of these forms. No Bears are known from Panama or Central America.

In regard to the Buffalo, it would be hazardous to venture an opinion as to the immediate ancestors of our species. Of the living forms, it is customary to recognize the Wood Buffalo as distinct from our Plains Buffalo.

The Caribou are still in need of revision, for which reason I will not attempt to answer your questions.

My Preliminary Synopsis of American Bears is long since out of print, so that I cannot comply with your request for a copy; but I am sending you my peper on Coyotes and one or two others.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 12, 1922

Mr. H.E. Anthony
American Museum Natural History
New York City

Dear Mr. Anthony:

Your letter of December 7, addressed to Dr. H.H.T.Jackson, has been referred to me for reply.

For some years past we have had numerous references to dwarf bears in Eastern Oregon and on the Snake River lava beds in Idaho. From Idaho we have recently received a so-called Dwarf Grizzly, which is proving to be of much interest; but from Oregon as yet we have not received an adult of any kind, although I have a cub black bear, too young to admit of description, from this region. It is claimed locally that both Dwarf Grizzlies and Dwarf Black Bears occur on the lava beds of the desert region east of the Cascades.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 12, 1922

Major E.A. Goldman
U.S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Goldman:

Replying to yours of the 9th inst. would say that I have just written H.E. Anthony, in reply to his inquiry about the so-called Dwarf Grizzly of Idaho.

Wish best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 15, 1922

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr. Knight:

Thanks for your letter of November 23, which came about two weeks ago.

Since then I have seen Mrs. Bonnin and have had her account of the conference. I have also received a copy of the San Francisco Bulletin of December 2, containing a remarkably clear and frank history of the case by Helen Dare.

In view of the facts — and there seems to be no room for question as to the facts — the Board of Cooperation seems to have left itself in a very unhappy plight, and the present outlook, so far as help to Indians is concerned, seems to me most unfortunate. As I understand the case, the Board acts merely as a convenient shelter for the operations of one man, without adding anything to his efficiency or responsibility; so that in reality the California Indians have been working under a one-man machine. This man has discredited himself and therefore is not likely to have any influence with anyone. To my mind he is dead, so far as help to Indians is concerned.

This is a sad state of affairs and I have been thinking it over ever since I learnt the facts.

On the other hand, the organization of the Auxiliaries has been a big step ahead, and the recent conference has stirred up the Indians in northern California and brought them together in a way never before attempted. The good results that may possibly follow this beginning must not be lost.

My understanding of the case is that the action taken by the Indians at the conference was not final, but was to be submitted to the various Auxiliaries for their approval. In case they disapprove, what would you think of the following plan:

1) To continue as an entirely new organization, to be called THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA INDIANS, or some such name.

2) To elect a President of the Association and a Secretary-Treasurer.

3) To appoint delegates as before.

4) To collect dues as heretofore (but I would suggest annual dues of $2, instead of $6 or $4).

5) To authorize the President and Secretary-Treasurer to deposit the funds collected in some responsible Bank or Trust Company, where they may be safe until the Association decides when and how moneys shall be expended.

This would result in the accumulation of a fund that will be needed either this year or next, and by keeping the dues down to a small figure the tax on any one person will not be great.

I would suggest further that the next meeting be held at Ukiah or some other fairly central place where living expenses are not so high as in San Francisco.

Mr. Stephen Knight - 3

During the next few months we should all keep our eyes and ears open, in order to find out what persons and organizations are acting in the interests of California Indians, in the hope of finding the proper person or organization to carry on the work — the previous organization having proved itself incompetent.

How does this suggestion strike you?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 16, 1922

A curious thing has just happened. Since writing the accompanying letter, a telegram has come from San Francisco, reading as follows:

"Expect to be ready and able to make contract with Mr. Wise next month. Am anxious for information and suggestions from you concerning suitable Indians and territory. (Signed) F.G. Collett."

I have not replied to this telegram, but may in the course of a few days. The important question in connection therewith seems to me to relate to where the money is to come from. If it is being raised from white people, well and good; but if from Indians I should be very sorry. You will be in a position to know about this, I think.

I have great faith in the possibility of winning a suit for California Indians along the lines suggested by Mr. Wise; but I should hate to see the dues paid into the Auxiliaries expended on the chance of a favorable result. They have already lost such a large sum without accomplishing anything tangible except the publicity attained and the actual formation of the Auxiliaries, both of which are for the good.

The Board of Cooperation finds itself in such an unhappy position that one would naturally suppose they would be anxious to do one of two things: either give up altogether, or make a great effort to raise funds, in the hope of accomplishing actual good for the Indians. This would explain the motive behind the telegram. It might be well to wait a little while, in order to find out where the funds are coming from and what they are able to do.

I hope your activities are engaged in helping to place cases in favor of California Indians.

In the Budget study to be approved!

C. Hart Merriam

December 16, 1922

Mr. Gerrit S. Miller, jr.
Curator of Mammals
U.S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miller:

Since receiving your 'phone inquiry concerning a bear skull from the Iliamna region at the base of Alaska Peninsula, would say that during the past year or two I have purchased skulls of Big Bears killed in this region from G.D. Kinney, Fred Phillips, Fred F. Roehl and a man by the name of Duryea. I infer that the specimen in question was collected by J.D.Kinney.

Trusting this will enable you to straighten the matter out,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18,1922

Mr. Donald Dickey
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Dickey:

We are glad to know that Mrs. Dickey will be with you even though you will not be free to make your headquarters with us. Nevertheless, we shall hope to see something of both of you.

As you do not seem to have access to my article on 'Type Specimens in Natural History', I am enclosing a copy herewith.

You are certainly correct in saying that many "nice distinctions" can be made in natural history work; the question is whether it is worth while to lumber up the literature and confuse the student by the use of such fine distinctions.

With best wishes to you both,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1922

Mr. N.E. Sinclair
Business Manager
Outdoor Life
Denver, Colorado

My dear Mr. Sinclair:

Your letter of December 4 came promptly, but the extra copies of the December issue of Outdoor Life, containing my Grizzly Bear article, have never arrived. Realizing the congestion of package mail at this season, I have put off writing in the hope that the copies would arrive; but it is now so late that I fear they have been lost.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1922

Mr. Herman Henderson
1400 Oakland Avenue
Piedmont, California

Dear Herman:

Very many thanks for your interesting letter of the 4th inst. This clears the atmosphere as to the furnace and the oil burner. I had supposed that the burner was a part of the new furnaces of the American Radiator Company, and did not remember having heard of the Kolmar burner. However, this is all for the good and it looks as if within a year or two everyone would be able to instal some kind of an oil burning furnace — if wealthy enough to pay for the fuel.

We like our NoKol immensely, when considered apart from the cost of fuel. This is decidedly greater than we had expected, although we are burning a kind of distillate, at the cost of 12 cents the gallon. Kerosene here costs considerably more.

We are obliged also for the literature you have so kindly sent concerning the Rieber X-ray apparatus. I have already given one set to Dr.Hazen, a local physician who uses X-ray in his daily office practise.

With kindest regards to your good wife and to all the related Hendersons,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 18, 1922

Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

When we met at MacMillan's lecture before the National Geographic Society Friday afternoon you asked me what I thought of Grigg's book on Katmai and the so-called Smokes. At that time I had only glanced at the pictures but had not read the text. Since then I have read most of the book and am much pleased with it.

I know nothing of vulcanology but am impressed with the feeling that a little too much technical detail has been gone into, possibly without conference with leading students of the subject, and I am wondering if the matter was discussed with J.S. Diller or Arthur T. Day.

The natural history part is woefully deficient, in view of the length of time spent in the region, and one is led to ask why the names are not given of the few species of mammals actually collected and identified. In view of the prominence given to the scientific names of plants, the lack of similar courtesy in the case of mammals and birds is painfully obvious.

In the case of Bogoslof volcano the author, as in the case of the author of an article on the subject published in the National Geographic Magazine some years ago, appears to have over-

looked my rather full historical description of Bogoslof, illustrated by maps and photographs, published in the Harriman Alaska volumes and in one of the Smithsonian reports.

Apart from these shortcomings, the book strikes me as admirable. It is so interesting that when one begins to read it he is likely to keep on to the end.

I feel that both Professor Griggs and the National Geographic Society are to be congratulated on having thus recorded in permanent form all that is known concerning this remarkable volcano and its immediate neighborhood.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Harriman

December 20, 1922

Mrs. Helen Dare
51 Florence Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Dare:

I have a bone to pick with you. A short time ago you published in the San Francisco Bulletin a remarkably clear and forceful statement in regard to the recent Indian conference — but you did not send me a copy, and it was only by the merest accident that a friend in Mill Valley saw it and sent it to me. I prize the article highly, as it is a valuable historical resume of the whole case from the beginning to the present time.

It would seem that the Indian Board of Cooperation is left in a very deplorable position and that their representative who has had charge of everything relating to the Indians has discredited himself and thereby lost his influence. He now appears to be making a great effort to redeem himself in an attempt to raise funds for carrying on a suit against the Government. If he raises the necessary money from contributions by the whites, well and good. But if he figures on using Indian funds for this purpose, I should be very sorry.

Now I want to ask you if you know where some of the Indians came from whose names and photographs were published in

some of the papers. I am particularly anxious to know about Cam Lopes, recorded as a Howwinquit. I am not acquainted with any tribe of this name and therefore am anxious to know where he came from.

There were also mentioned three Piutes, George W. Collins, John Sommerville and Pogineve. Do you know where they came from?

With kindest regards from us all and greetings of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

December 20, 1922

Prof. Edwin C. Starks
Stanford University, Calif.

Dear Dr. Starks:

Many thanks for your papers just received on California Shore Whaling and on Records of the Capture of Fur Seals on Land in California, both of which are of permanent value, as well as of present interest.

In your whaling paper you barely mention the Trinidad station where, when I was there a couple of years ago, two whales were brought in daily — one in the morning, the other in the evening, keeping day and night crews agoing all the time.

You did a fine thing when you collected the records of Fur Seals in California, and certainly made out a strong case for the Guadeloupe species as far north as the Farallones. In view of the enormous numbers killed there it would seem at least possible that skulls might be found, even at the present day. Surely the importance of the matter would justify a painstaking search.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Starks and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 20, 1922

Mr. Luther J. Goldman
Boise, Idaho

Dear Goldman:

In your letter of July 13, telling me about the Grizzly killed by one of your hunters in the lava beds of the Snake River Desert, you stated that the animal was a male.

The skull has every appearance of a normal old female Grizzly, lacking entirely the usual characters of the male. This leads me to inquire as to whether you yourself examined the specimen and made sure that it was a male or whether you took the word of someone else.

It is true that in a few species of Grizzlies the males and females are not strikingly different, but this is very unusual.

With greetings of the season and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 21, 1922

Mr. W.C. Henderson
Acting Chief
U.S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Thanks for the two copies of Life History of the Kangaroo Rat just received.

I notice that you take the trouble to write a letter in transmitting the publications I have recently asked for. This is very polite, but we are all too busy to waste time in such formalities. The deed is better than the word.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 21, 1922

Dr. Henry S. Pratt
Haverford College
Haverford, Pa.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 19th inst. requesting consent to the copying of several figures in my monograph of the Pocket Gophers(North American Fauna No.8) and from my revision of the Shrews (Fauna No. 10), would say that you are welcome to reproduce these figures in your forthcoming Manual of Vertebrates.

Some years ago when I was Chief of the Biological Survey it was customary to furnish authors with duplicate electros of such illustrations at very low cost. Whether or not this practise still continues I do not know, but you could find out by addressing Dr. E.W. Nelson, present Chief of the Survey.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

December 30, 1922

Mr. A. M. Robertson
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

The copy of Englehardt's Lower California (Vol. I of Missions and Missionaries of California) purchased from you some years ago is imperfect, with pps. 162-192 missing and a second set of pp. 481-509 bound in their place. Have only just noticed this. What shall I do about it?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam.

Chalfant's Story of Inyo was received ok but the others not yet - CHM

By a curious coincidence the 3 Englehardt books came since I wrote the above, leaving only the Mt. San Bernardino Valley as not yet arrd. - CHM

December 30, 1922

Mr. A. M. Robertson
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

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Very truly yours,

Retake of Preceding Frame

January 4, 1923

Otto Lange
Via Serragli
Florence, Italy

Dear Sir:

Thanks for Lienhard's 'Californien' and Meyer's 'Nach dem Sacramento' just received. I am enclosing in payment of your bill for these a draft for 12 francs on a Swiss bank, according to instructions in your catalog.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

January 5, 1923

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is my expense account for December amounting to $48.45, together with vouchers as indicated below, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

B. Cunradi, Stenographer	$35.55
Zenaida Merriam, Assistant	31.50
H. Pittman, Bat photos	10.00
Clarence M. Sands, Bear skulls	15.00
W. E. Duryea, Bear skulls	6.00
Mackay & Dippie, Bear skulls	16.00
J. W. Scollick, Cleaning Bear skulls	7.25

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th Street, Washington, D.C.

1922	Expense account for December, 1922		
Dec. 8	Report, Nevada Historical Soc.	1	75
12	Allen's Press Clippings: Bears, Mt. Lions, Indians	2	3 00
	C.T. Powner, Chicago: Books (reciept not returned)		2 00
	Bird-Lore for 1923 " " "		1 50
	Bulletin New York Zool. Soc. " " "		1 50
18	Underwood Typewriter adjustments	3	1 15
	Christmas presents, postage & registrations for Calif Indians with whom I expect to work this spring: Joseph Hillits, Cahto Valley; Mrs Hugh Grant, Somes Bar; Langford children, Somes Bar; Laura Green's children, Burnt Ranch; Mrs Kate Lackie, Hay Fork; Marie Clark, Zenia (Setten-biden--new tribe)		17 44
	Journal Washn. Acad. Sci. for 1923		5 00
	Welsbach Light for Miss Clemence desk		3 75
29	Electric current Nov. 20-Dec. 20, $13.50 (1/3)		4 50
	Stamps and stampt envelopes		2 86
	Charwoman, cleaning office rooms month of Dec.	4	5 00
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C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 5, 1922

My dear Professor Setchell:

Acting on the suggestion in your letter of Dec.27, I have written a birthday letter to Mr Parish, and take pleasure in enclosing it herewith to be placed with the others which you have so kindly undertaken to collect.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Professor W. A. Setchell
Berkeley, California.

January 13, 1923

My dear Mr Parish:

You have now arrived at the mature age of eighty five years and are reported as still sound of body and mind, thereby meriting the congratulations of your many friends.

But this is by no means all, for you have devoted the greater part of a long life to the attainment of knowledge--both for your own satisfaction and for the benefit of fellow workers in your chosen field. And moreover, by unfailing kindness and generosity you have won the gratitude and affection of those who have benefitted by your helping hand or have enjoyed the privilege of your friendship.

You are to be congratulated therefore, not only on the magnitude of the collections and stores of information that you have placed at the service of fellow botanists, but also on the reward of satisfaction and contentment you have earned by so long a life of patient industry and never failing helpfulness to others.

With best wishes for your continued health, happiness, and usefulness,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr Samuel Bonsall Parish
The Herbarium, Berkeley, Calif.

Jan. 6, 1923

Dear Miss Sinclair:

Very many thanks for sending a dozen copies of Outdoor Life for December, containing my article on the Distribution of Grizzly Bears. The package had broken open, but was rescued by some kind postman who roped it so that it finally arrived, for which I am very grateful.

If you will pardon a personal remark, I would like to express my interest in your front name,'Nina'. It was the name of my favorite aunt. She was born in Virginia and died in California some years ago. Your signature is the first repitition of the name that I have ever seen.

With best wishes and compliments of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Nina E. Sinclair
Business Manager Outdoor Life
Denver, Colorado

TELEGRAM

Washington
Jan. 8, 1923

Dr Walter K. Fisher Biological Laboratory
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Your father Emergency Hospital. Hit hear falling limb. Conscious intervals. Outlook hopeful.

C. Hart Merriam

Second Telegram, later, same day

Father much better. Fully conscious this afternoon. Everything favorable.

1919 - 16th Street.
January 11,1923.

Honorable L. C. Dyer,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

Referring to your memorandum of January 4, transmitting a letter from Albert W. Johnson of St. Louis, regarding Government maps showing the auto routes to California, would state that there are no such maps. Maps of the several auto routes are distributed by the American Automobile Association and I have so informed your correspondent, Albert W. Johnson.

Very truly yours,

Chairman.

1919 - 16th Street.
January 11,1923.

Mr. Albert W. Johnson,
International Life Building,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Your letter addressed to the Hon. L. C. Dyer has been referred to me for reply. I note that your friend, W. D. Hellman, contemplates an auto tour to California during the present month. I assume that he will go by one of the southern routes as the Lincoln Highway is impossible in winter.

The Government does not publish maps of auto routes but such maps are furnished by the American Automobile Association, and can of course be obtained from the St. Louis branch of the A.A.A.

Very truly yours,

Chairman.

1919 - 16th Street.
January 11,1923.

Mr. W. B. Putnam,
519 California Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of December 29th addressed to the United States Geographic Board, in which you propose that the name "The Thumb" be applied to a peak shown on the Bishop Quadrangle.

The matter will be brought to the attention of the Board in the near future and you will be informed of the result.

With best wishes,

Yours very truly,
C. Hart Merriam
Chairman.

1919 - 16th Street.
January 11,1923.

Mr. Chester Versteeg,
827½ North Heliotrope Drive,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. reached me this morning, and I am glad to know that you are constructively interested in the naming of topographical features in the High Sierra.

The matter will be brought before the United States Geographic Board in the near future and you will be notified as to the action taken. However, in advance of the meeting, I wish to express my personal appreciation of the trouble you have taken in supplying necessary details of description concerning the features to be named.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam
Chairman.

1919 - 16th Street.
January 11,1923.

Mr. William E. Colby,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Colby:

The United States Geographic Board has just received two letters concerning names proposed for features in the High Sierra. The first letter is from W. B. Putnam of San Francisco; he asks that an unnamed peak in the Sierra, situated between Middle Palisade and Split Mountain, be named "The Thumb".

The second letter is from Chester Versteeg of Los Angeles; he requests that the names, Alta Pass, Mount Bolton Brown, Twin Peaks, Mather Pass, Cataract Pass, Cataract Peak, Frozen Lake Pass and The Spearhead, be attached to features on or near the main divide of the Sierra and covered by the Bishop and Mount Whitney Quadrangles of the United States Geological Survey.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly tell me whether or not the proposed names have the approval of the Sierra Club.

Two of these names, as you will observe, are in honor of living men. Whether or not the Board will be willing to set aside its rule in these cases remains to be seen; otherwise we are almost certain to act in accordance with the wishes of the Sierra Club.

If your reply reaches me by February 5th the cases might be acted on at the next meeting. With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Chairman.

January 11,1923.

Mr. E. A. Preble,
Biological Survey,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Preble:

Thanks for your letter accompanying the one you forwarded from Robert Uihlein. I have answered Uihlein's letter and have referred him to my article on the measurements of skulls of very big bears, published in 'Outdoor Life', December,1921. of which, unfortunately, I never had any extras.

Very truly yours,

January 11,1923.

Mr. Robert A. Uihlein,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 19 went to the Biological Survey and has only recently been turned over to me for reply. The Government has not published anything on the size of the big bears more than the fragmentary data in my 'Review of the Grizzly and Big Brown Bears of North America' (1918), which I assume that you have; if not, I shall be glad to send you a copy.

But last year I prepared, at the request of Colonel Mc Guire, an article on the relative sizes of the big bears of America. This was published in 'Out Door Life' of December,1921 . Unfortunately, I have no copies or I would send you one.

The big brown bear from Alaska Peninsula, Ursus gyas, which died in our national zoo in the fall of 1914, weighed, in December 1910, a little over 1200 lbs. but he was never in good condition. If he had enjoyed the privilege of a natural diet of salmon and grass,I have no doubt that he would have weighed at least 1600 lbs. We have the record of a big male Ursus middendorffi from Kadiak Island, which weighed at least 1700 lbs. When the big zoo bear previously mentioned died he was measured by Vernon Bailey; the total length was 2590 millimeters, the greatest girth, 2395 millimeters.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

January 11,1923.

Mr. C. B. Zeiglar,

Burnt Ranch, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of December 22, which has recently arrived, I would state that Mr. John P. Harrington returned to Washington last summer. His present address is Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

On receipt of a letter from Mrs.Dailey the latter part of the summer, telling me that Mrs. Zeiglar was willing to give information concerning her language, I at once wrote to Mr. Harrington, but he had already returned to Washington.

I expect to return to California during the coming season and if able to ride horseback shall be glad to visit you at your home, and to have the opportunity of talking with Mrs. Zeiglar.

Yoursvery truly,
C. Hart Merriam

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January 11,1923.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am enclosing my check for $6.06 in payment of telephone service at my house, 1919-16th Street, for the months of November, December and January.

The bill for January, which reached me this morning, calls for $9.56, which is an error for $6.06.

Your reply to my letter of May 26th states that the discount allowed is 50% "for the period of suspension", which, in this case, was a few days over five months, so the deduction should have been $11.52

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam

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January 11,1923.

Mr. Roy Williams,
Piniele, Montana.

Dear Sir:

Your letter in regard to grizzly skulls was missent and has only just reached me.

I am very anxious to secure as many skulls as possible of grizzly bears from Montana and should be glad to pay $5.00 each for reasonably perfect skulls of females, and $10.00 each for good skulls of males, accompanied by information as to where the bears were killed.

When you send skulls please pack securely and ship by express, charges collect, addressed United States Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

Please attach tag to each skull, stating where the bear was killed or found, signed with your own name; and also please write your name and address on the label on the outside of the box so that there will be no difficulty in knowing who the box is from. We are receiving many skulls of bears and in some cases have great difficulty in finding out who sent them.

Thanking you for your kindness in writing,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

January 11,1923.

Mr. William P. Brenner,
Grant, Montana.

My dear Sir:

The grizzly skull which you were kind enough to present to our national collection arrived a few days ago and I have examined it with unusual interest. It appears to be an old male of a species of grizzly which I described a few years ago under the name of Ursus idahoensis, a very rare species of which our National Museum has only two or three male skulls. I am, therefore, particularly obliged for your kindness in the matter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 11,1923.

Dr. Sterling Bunnell,
Physicians Building,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. Bunnell:

We were very glad to receive your letter and to know that Griggs' book on the 'Katmai Smokes' arrived safely. It is an interesting story, though it might have been written and printed in better form.

Ever since my return I have been intending to write you, but pressure of accumulated work and difficulties with stenographers have prevented. I am hoping for better luck in the future, and, what is still better, I am hoping to see you early in April.

With kindest regards to Miss Bain and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 11,1923.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane,
Secretary, United States Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

In accordance with your letter of the 9th inst. I have written Mr. W. B. Putnam acknowledging receipt of his letter suggesting the name "The Thumb" for a peak in the High Sierra, covered by the Bishop Quadrangle, and am enclosing herewith a carbon of my letter in accordance with your request. Am also enclosing the original of this letter so that your file may be complete to date.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Chairman.

January 12,1923.

Mr. Brent Altsheler,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Sir:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of December 14.

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Replying to your inquiry, there are not likely to be any other game animals in the region except deer. The Rocky Mountain mule deer is the common species in that region but the Oregon Whitetail formerly occurred there and it is quite possible that some still remain.

All of our bears den up in winter even in the far South. With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

January 11,1923.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane,
Secretary, United States Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

In accordance with your letter of the 9th inst. I have written Mr. W. B. Putnam acknowledging receipt of his letter suggesting the name "The Thumb" for a peak in the High Sierra, covered by the Bishop Quadrangle, and am enclosing herewith a carbon of my letter in accordance with your request. Am also enclosing the original of this letter so that your file may be complete to date.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman.

January 12,1923.

Mr. Brent Altsheler,
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Sir:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of December 14.

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C. Hart Merriam

Retake of Preceding Frame

January 12,1923.

Dear Arch and Angie:

It is a long time since I have either written you or heard from you. I dictated a letter to you on December 29 but it was written by so inexperienced a stenographer that I was ashamed to send it.

To begin with, I want to thank Angie for the several clippings she was good enough to send; the one by Helen Dare on the November Indian Conference in San Francisco was of great importance to me as it gave an excellent historical resume of the case. Helen Dare seems to have slipped a cog in not sending me a copy; maybe she did and it was lost in the mails.

I wish also to congratulate Angie on her accomplishment at the wheel; a girl who can navigate a big car from Tip Top to San Rafael is some driver.

Elizabeth Mc Master spent the holidays and a slight lapover with our Elizabeth. She has now gone back to Virginia to carry on her work but will return and make headquarters with Mrs. Baker shortly. Barbara Baker spent her vacation at home; she will finish college at Ann Arbor

early in June, and there is a rumour afloat that she and Robert have decided to pool their issues in the fall. They are a fine couple and we wish them long life and prosperity, not to mention incidentals.

Angie will be interested to know that our house and my limited activities proved too small for Miss C., and we parted the end of December.

How is the bond business flourishing nowadays?

We are having an open winter with very little snow and not too much rain. We are still planning to go to Lagunitas about the first of April.

Our new American Six is a joy to drive and I wish she could carry us to California, but she is too big for the mountain work and our garage is too small for two cars.

The greens Angie sent us about Christmas time were wonderfully fragrant and served to decorate the house for a long time; in fact some of them are still beautiful.

There were several other matters I wished to talk to you about - one or two of importance - but I have entirely forgotten what they were.

With love to you both,

As ever,

C. Hart-Merriam

Arch M. Gilbert and wife,
Mill Valley, California.

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January 12,1923.

Mr. A. B. Baker,
National Zoological Park,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Several years ago you published, (in the S.I. Misc.Colls., I believe) an article covering the weights and possibly other features concerning the big Alaska Peninsula Ursus gyas who died in the zoo the latter part of 1914.

If you chance to have a spare copy of this article I should appreciate it.

With kindest regards to all,

Very truly yours,

January 15,1923.

Dr. Witmer Stone,
Academy of Sciences,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Stone:

The last Auk, in enumerating the contents of the Oologist, states that Dr. N. W. Jepsom published a supplement to the June number comprising an article on Birdlore and Birdsongs of North American Indians. Desiring a copy of this and not finding Dr. Jepsom's name in the list of A.O.U. members, I am taking the liberty to enclose a letter to him in the hope that you will kindly supply the missing address.

There is one feature of the typography of the Auk which strikes me as objectionable. It is that in the Notes you use the same blackface type for side headings and for specific names. The result of this is that in scanning the pages rapidly one is very apt to miss a heading and think he is following notes from one locality when it turns out to be a very different locality by a different author. This difficulty is increased by the narrow spacing between articles. You will see what I mean if you turn to pages 137-147 of the January Auk, recently received.

I wrote you about this two or three years ago, but you either forgot about it or didn't agree with me.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

Had regards to it.

January 15,1923.

Dr. N. W. Jepsom,

Dear Sir:

The last number of the AUK, in enumerating contents of the OOLOGIST, states that you had a supplement in the June number relating to Birdlore and Birdsongs of the North American Indian. I am anxious to procure a copy of this paper and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly have one sent to me, with bill for same.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 15,1923.

Museum of the American Indian,
Heye Foundation,
New York City.

Will you kindly send me, with bill for same, an article by Jesse L. Nussbaum, entitled 'A Basket Maker Cave in Utah',1922, said to have been recently published by your Museum.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 15,1923.

Librarian,
American Museum of
Natural History,
New York City.

My dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me a copy of a paper by A. L. Kroeber, entitled 'Basket Designs of Mission Indians', said to have been published in the Anthropological Papers of the American Museum, Vol. 20, Part II, 1922.

Very truly yours,

January 15,1923.

Mr. A. B. Baker,
National Zoological Park,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 13th instant, and for your kindness in sending me the desired publication with additional notes on the big Alaska Peninsula bear, Ursus gyas, who died September 29,1914.

With best wishes to all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 15,1923.

Dr. Paul Bartsch,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Bartsch:

Acting on your notification I am enclosing herewith my check for $5.00 as my share toward the purchase of wreaths and other necessary expenses connected with the Baird Memorial.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 15,1922.

Mr. F. A. Albadleigh,
Passenger Traffic Manager,
D. & R.G.Railroad,
Denver, Colorado.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of December 14, in which you state that you were sending me some photographs of the Grand Canyon. These have never arrived. I supposed that they were delayed on account of the heavy Christmas mails and have been hoping they would come. Nevertheless I wish to express my appreciation of your courtesy in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 15,1923.

Postmaster,
Etna Mills,
California.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly tell me whether the wagon road below Forks of Salmon has been continued to Somesbar? If not, does it reach as far as Butler Flat, and is it likely to be completed during the coming season?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 15,1923.

Mr. A. J. van Rossem,
Pasadena,
California.

My dear Sir:

Your remarks on the nomenclature for sub-species in a recent article interested me considerably. It appears to me that your ideas on the subject tally very well with my own although differently expressed.

By this mail I am sending you an article I published a few years ago on the same subject.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 16,1923.

Colonel George W. Stewart,
Visalia,
California.

Dear Colonel Stewart:

A short time ago somebody sent me a clipping from the Lindsay Gazette of December 1 containing an article by W. T. Duncan on Indians. This article contains so many errors and does so much injustice to the Indians that I have written the enclosed note in reply.

Not knowing whether it would be better to send it direct to the Lindsay Gazette or to some better paper, covering exactly the same distribution, I am taking the liberty to put it in your hands and shall be glad if you will send it wherever you think best.

I was disappointed not to see you last year and am hoping for better luck during the coming season. I want very much to show you my maps of the distribution of Indian tribes from the latitude of Monterey Bay northward. These maps and the accompanying linguistic results

are so nearly complete for the northern half of the state that I hope to finish them during the coming season and to again take up work farther south. When I do this I shall, of course, call on you for assistance.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Stewart and yourself,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

FALLACIES CONCERNING CALIFORNIA INDIANS

By C. Hart Merriam.

The Lindsay Gazette of December 1,1922, has an article by W. T. Duncan which contains a number of very serious errors.

Mr. Duncan states that the Indians about the Missions are called 'Diggers', and goes on to say that "the Digger tribe mostly inhabit the foothill valleys from Kern County on the south to Amador County on the north". As a matter of fact there is no tribe of that name. The name 'Digger' has been applied specifically or promiscuously to various tribes in Wyoming , Idaho, Nevada, and California, and in the latter state has been used to designate nearly every tribe from Humboldt Bay to San Diego. It should be dropped for the double reason that it not only is inaccurate but also implies a feeling of contempt that is unjust to the Indians.

But the most amazing error is the statement that the vocabulary of these Indians is "limited to but few words, and mostly spoken in gutteral sounds, not much above the language of monkeys". Nothing could be further from the fact, the truth being that there are a number of widely different tribes of so-called Mission Indians - and the same may be said of numerous tribes in other parts of California - each of which speaks a different language, and that each language comprises several thousand words - words adequate not only for statements

of fact but also for the expression of innumerable ideas and emotions. Many of them, moreover, far from being "gutteral" and "not much above the language of monkeys", are euphonious and agreeable to the ear and are easily spoken and written in our English alphabet.

Another error is that the Indians in question "live in wigwams covered with the skins of wild animals". This, so far as I am aware, is not true of any California tribe though several of the Plains tribes formerly covered their tepees with hides of buffalo and elk. In California the dwellings of the mountain tribes were usually covered with bark, those of most of the valley tribes with mats of tule or thatch, while some of the Sacramento Valley tribes erected domed structures roofed with brush and earth, and the lower Klamaths built rectangular houses of hewn planks.

It would be interesting to know where Mr.Duncan got the notion that the word 'Mono' means "bitter water", and that the word 'Pi-Ute' means "valley man". These, however, are trivial matters, but the statement that the language of any Indian tribe is "limited to but few words", and the remarks that follow, implying a low degree of intelligence, are so contrary to the actual facts that simple justice demands their correction.

January 16,1923.

Dr. Henry S. Pratt,
Haverford College,
Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Pratt:

Replying to your letter of the 13th instant I regret to say that no editions of my Map of Life Zones of the United States have been published since December,1897. Three years later, however, I published a Life Zone Map of North America as a whole. Copies of both of these I am sending you by this mail.

About three years ago Vernon Bailey and I together spent some time in preparing a large scale manuscript map of the United States, showing the Life Zones with corrections to date. This was to be published in an atlas under preparation in the Department of Agriculture but it has not yet appeared.

While the maps sent you today contain minor errors they,nevertheless,are in the main reasonably correct. The principal correction is in the Tropical, which in my map of December, 1897, was carried too far north, covering territory now believed to be better classed as the lowest division of the Arid Lower Sonoran.

I feel complimented that you are going to publish a Life Zone Map as a frontispiece to your coming Manual of Vertebrates and regret very much that I am unable to send you a copy corrected to date.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 16,1923.

Postmaster,
Port Arthur,
Ontario, Canada.

Dear Sir:

For several weeks past the newspapers have contained notices to the effect that a white trapper and two Indians had been killed and eaten by wolves.

If you are in a position to know whether this is a fact or a myth I shall appreciate your courtesy if you will kindly inform me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 17,1923.

Dear Grinnell:

A. K. left the hospital yesterday afternoon and came home to his own apartment. He is looking well this morning and says that he is going to your island, leaving here Saturday evening at 6:30 and following your directions.

Both Doctor Vaughn and I feel that it is taking an unnecessary risk but he seems determined to go, and we hope the trip will do him no harm.

It was good to see you again for a little while but as usual I forgot several things I wanted to talk with you about.

As ever,
yours,
Hart

January 18,1923.

Mr. Stephen Knight,
Ukiah, California.

Dear Mr. Knight:

Very many thanks for your interesting letter of December 31. Since hearing from you I have had another letter and telegram from Mr. Collett, asking for tribal boundaries of the Karok of the Middle Klamath, and yesterday Mr. Wise called in relation to the matter, he also having heard from Collett. From these several communications I infer that Mr. Collett has already raised, or feels confident of raising, from California Indians, enough money to undertake the suit in question.

It goes without saying that I will do all I can to help, although I greatly regret that the necessary funds should come from the Indians.

Just now there is a delegation of Pueblo Indians in Washington, representing a number of the old Pueblos of Arizona and New Mexico. They are having a Hearing before Congress in the hope of defeating a very pernicious bill, known as the Bursum Bill, which has already passed the Senate but which I trust will not pass the House

You certainly are sound in your judgment that it would not be wise to attempta new organization at present; we must bide our time.

There are one or two people here from California who are interested in the welfare of California Indians and I hope to have a conference with them during the next few days. Will write you if I learn anything of interest.

At your November Conference in San Francisco there were several Piute Indians, and also an Indian by the name of Sam Lopez attributed to the How-win-quit tribe; I found the name under a photograph published in the San Francisco Chronicle. Can you tell me where he came from, and also where the Piutes came from?

With best wishes, in which Mrs. Merriam and my daughter join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Telegram

January 19,1923.

Doctor George Bird Grinnell
Narrows Island Club
Poplar Branch, via Snowden
North Caroline

FISHER LEAVES HERE TOMORROW EVENING EXPECTING REACH

YOU SUNDAY NOON - C. Hart Merriam -

January 18,1923.

My dear Mr. Harrington:

Thanks for the handsomely printed copies of your unnamed little poem, so politely dedicated to me, in which you embody the feelings that have impelled you and me to subordinate other work to the task of rescuing vanishing material from our rapidly disappearing aborigines.

You certainly possess to a remarkable degree the rare power of expressing deep truths in appreciative poetic language.

With thanks for the compliment,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

Mr. John Peabody Harrington
Bureau of Ethnology
Smithsonian Institution

January 19,1923.

The Burnham Antique Book Store
54-56 Cornhill,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for list of books just received. In it I notice #213 Colton's Folding Colored Map of California, 1859 - - $2.50. I shall be obliged if you will send me this; would enclose check but fear it may be already sold.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20,1923.

Mr. Bruce Stephens
Alameda, California

Dear Bruce:

Thanks for your polite little letter just received.

I am glad that you and your friend are planning a canoe trip down Eel River for next season. If you start at Dos Rios, as planned, you will have plenty of exercise in portaging over the many bars, shoots, and rocky places. Of course, you do not think of going during the spring high water, as that would be far too dangerous.

If you were able to make a daylight trip by rail from Willitts north to North Fork, you would see in advance practically the whole of your canoe route, and could size up your job accordingly.

We are still expecting to leave for California about the first of April.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20,1923.

Mr. J.J.Campbell, Manager
Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, I am enclosing a postal from your office dated May 27,1922, in which it is distinctly stated that telephone service would be suspended on 50% discount basis "for period of suspension". If your office repudiates its own written statement, I suppose I shall have to pay what you claim as balance due you. If so, please add the same to my next bill.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

January 20,1923.

Mr. George G. Heye, Director
Museum of the American Indian
New York City

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your publication entitled A Basketmaker Cave in Kane County, Utah, in which I shall doubtless find much of interest. As it was sent to the Smithsonian Institution instead of to my own address it may be several days in reaching me.

Sometime, when you are in Washington, and have an hour to spare, you might be interested to see my collection of Indian baskets.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20,1923.

Mr. W. de C. Ravenel,
Administrative Assistant,
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ravenel:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant in relation to the skulls of bears received from J. D. Kinney of Iliamna, Alaska. This clears the matter up so that I can correct my records.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 20,1923.

Mr. O. C. Lampfert
Stony Brook, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant I regret to say that I do not know of any position where you could do field work during the coming spring.

In this connection I would suggest that you write Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief U.S.Biological Survey, who may possibly have some vacancy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 22,1923.

The Science Press
Grand Central Terminal
New York City.

Your bill for subscription to the Scientific Monthly for the year 1923 has just reached me, forwarded from Lagunitas, California.

I should be glad to have you continue to send the Monthly to Lagunitas as heretofore.

I shall be obliged if you will enter my subscription for Science for the year 1923, and send me a complete set of back numbers for the year 1922, along with bill for these, ~~and~~ adding the $5.00 due for the Scientific Monthly, so that all may be paid by one check.

Please send Science and the bill to me at 1919-16th Street, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

January 22,1923.

Reverend F. G. Collett
Executive Representative
Indian Board of Cooperation
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

. Replying to your several communications, would say that I have seen Mr. Wise and have discussed with him the matter of the Karok territory, which covered the whole of Klamath Canyon from or above Thompson Creek (which joins the Klamath at Nolton) southerly and southwesterly to Bluff Creek, which is about 8 miles above Wetchpek. The Northern Karok and the Klamath River Shaste tribes both tell me that their intertribal boundary was immediately west of Seid Creek, but Roland Dixon places it farther west, for which reason it might be better to start with Thompson Creek as above indicated.

As to Wintoon: It is difficult to define their territory without knowing just what bands are to be included, there being conflicting statements from the Indians themselves. For instance, the Trinity River and Hay Fork Valley tribes consider themselves distinct from the Wintoon of the Upper Sacremento and Mc Cloud, though all agree that they were affiliated in times of war for mutual defense.

There is also doubt as to just how far south the term Wintoon should extend, although as well known related tribes (of same stock) covered the western part of Sacremento Valley all the way to San Francisco Bay.

You spoke of compensating me for services and expenses in this matter; please remember that I should not think of accepting compensation of any kind for any services I may be able to render for California Indians.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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January 22,1923.

Mr. Robert A. Uihlein
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Uihlein:

Your letter of the 19th instant arrived this morning, and I take pleasure in sending you by this mail a copy of my Review of the Grizzly and Big Brown Bears. It is a purely technical publication, for which reason I fear you will be disappointed in it. My large work on the bears is not likely to go to press for a year or two yet, the quantity of material accumulated being too great for rapid digestion.

I am much interested in your statement that in 42 days in the Cassiar District in 1912 you and Doctor Sifton saw 33 bears, of which you bagged 10; and that in 1916 in 47 days you saw 14.

The Cassiar-Stikiane region, from the standpoint of big bears, is perhaps the most interesting and complicated in all America; the only other region that approaches it in these respects is Yellowstone National Park. Both of these areas appear to be the meeting grounds of different species of grizzlies coming in from different directions. But we have not yet been able to secure enough skulls of the Yellowstone species to admit of working out their ranges satisfactorily.

With best wishes,

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C. Hart Merriam

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With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

January 22,1923.

Mr. Chester Versteeg
827½ North Heliotrope Drive
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th instant has just arrived, and is an admirable illustration of the ease with which questions are asked,in contrast to the labor of answering them.

The work to which you refer as having seen I suspect is a quarto volume entitled, Tribes of California, by Stephen Powers, published in the series of volumes entitled, Contributions to North American Ethnology, of which it is Vol. 3, 1877. You can doubtless find a copy of it in the Los Angeles Library. It contains much matter of interest and importance, but is not free from serious errors.

As to your question concerning the Length of time, prior to the coming of the white man, the High Sierra was used by Indians, would say that I do not see any possible hope of obtaining any information of this kind. As to your second question, Territory covered of High Sierra, it is of course well known that no Indians live permanently in this region, although it was visited for purposes of hunting and fishing by the adjacent tribes of both slopes, and certain passes were utilized in going from one side to the other. In response to a recent inquiry from the Bureau of Ethnology (which I suspect came from you) I described one of these, the one known as Piute Pass.

As you are already in correspondence with Professor Kroeber, you have doubtless secured all available published information on the subject.

Very truly yours,

January 22,1923.

Mr. Val A. Fynn
4954 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant just received. I am glad to know about the big bear skull from Admiralty Island, but must confess that the price asked, $35.00, is preposterous, being at least double (probably more than double) its value.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

January 22,1923.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Very many thanks for your statement of expenditures under the Harriman Fund for the year 1922, just received. I am glad to know that my footing agrees with yours.

Very truly yours,

January 24,1923.

Mr. F. A. Wadleigh
Passenger Traffic Manager
D. & R.G.Railroad
Denver, Colorado

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 19th instant, just received, and for the two photographs of the Grand Canyon which came by the same mail. Both of these are impressive and I should like very much to keep them. If you will kindly have someone send me a memorandum of their price I will remit by return mail.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 24,1923.

Mr. Hope Brewer
Athalmer, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant,addressed to the Biological Survey, has been referred to me. In reply would say that I am still purchasing skulls of grizzly bears, although I am not able to pay so much as formerly for them.

For reasonably perfect fully adult grizzly skulls from your region, labeled for locality where killed and approximate date of killing, I will pay $5.00 each for females and $10.00 each for males.

In case you send some please pack securely and ship by express, charges collect, addressed:

U.S.Biological Survey
Department of Agriculture
Washington, D.C.

Please attach a tag to each skull, giving the locality and approximate date of killing, and your own name. It is important also to write your name and address on the outside of the box,for the reason that several shipments of bear skulls sometimes arrive the same day and in certain cases there has been much difficulty in ascertaining who sent them.

Kindly drop me a line at time of each shipment so that I may be on the lookout.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 24,1923.

Doctor Paul Bartsch
Secretary Baird Memorial Committee
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Bartsch:

Thanks for your memorandum of the 22nd instant telling me that there will be a meeting of the Baird Memorial Committee in Room 42 of the National Museum at three P.M., Saturday, February 3.

I would be obliged if you will kindly tell me who are to be the speakers of the evening besides Dr. Dall, Dr. Jordan and myself; I have not heard who the others are. I assume that the limitation of time decided on by the Committee at the last meeting, namely fifteen minutes, for each speaker still holds.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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January 30,1923.

Mr. Arthur H. Howell
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Howell:

Replying to your inquiry of the other day, would say that I have just looked up the matter of the locality of the chipmunks collected by Bailey and myself on Van Duzen River September 3,1899. The locality was 12 miles east of Bridgeville and therefore about 13 or 14 miles by the river -- probably ten in an air line -- from the eastern edge of the Redwoods.

The place where the chipmunks were caught is a densely forrested canyon belonging to the intermediate strip between the humid coast region and the drier interior. Among the coast trees and shrubs growing there were the tanbark oak, madrone, the true Cascara (Rhamnus purshiana), the greenstem huckleberry (Vaccinium parvifolium), and salal (Gaultheria shallon). I note in my journal that here "we first felt the chill of the coast air and clouds came over from the sea". I also find a note to the effect that the chipmunks had changed from the form of the dry chaparral valleys of the

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interior to the form of the humid coast country, and supposed at the time that our specimens were Eutamias ochrogenys.

If I ever succeed in getting a little time to spare I should be mighty glad to look over some of these chipmunks with you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 5,1923.

Professor William A.Setchell
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Professor Setchell:

In compliance with your suggestion of January 15, which, by the way, was late in arriving, I am enclosing herewith a little birthday note for our friend Brandegee, and shall appreciate your kindness in placing it with the others to be given him on his 80th birthday on the 16th instant.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

February 5,1923.

Mr. T.S.Brandegee
Herbarium, University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Brandegee:

According to the latest news bulletin from California you are about to undergo the ordeal of an 80th Birthday. This surely is a matter for congratulation, but from my point of view the object of congratulation is not so much yourself as the Botanists of America, who have had the benefit of your lifelong painstaking researches, especially in the field of Lower California and continental Mexico.

I well remember the day spent with you at your Herbarium in San Diego, September 28,1901, when you extended the hospitality of a friendly bite in your own quarters, and showed me so many objects of interest -- among them some Mockers and Thrashers that were singing most enchantingly in your unique garden of Lower California plants. There were a couple of Thrashers you had raised from the nest, which, though then full grown, would come at your call and eat from your hand.

Hoping that you may still enjoy many years of useful work, and with best wishes for your happiness and prosperity,

Very truly yours,

February 5,1923.

Mr. Val A.Fynn
4954 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of January 24. You are entirely right in your notion about bear skulls, the skulls being by far the most important part of the animal from the Natural History standpoint. In fact the skins of many of the big bears are so much alike that it would be impossible to determine the species from them. The skulls of adult males,on the other hand, exhibit to the best advantage the real characters of the species. We are therefore always glad to obtain skulls of adult males, provided we have authentic information as to the locality where the bear was killed. In the case of big skulls of Alaska and British Columbia bears we unfortunately possess a number accredited to localities which we have every reason to believe false.

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. Townsend

February 5,1923.

Mr. F. A. Wadleigh
Passenger Traffic Manager
D. & R.G. Western R.R.
Denver, Colorado

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of January 29, in which you tell me that the 2 photographs received, of the Grand Canyon, were sent with your compliments. I appreciate the courtesy and in case of reproduction shall of course give proper credit and advise you accordingly, but I do not expect to publish in the near future but wish to preserve in my files these remarkable pictures of the region in which I have done much field work.

Very truly yours,

C. H. T. Townsend

February 5,1923.

Mr. Edgar A. Waite
News Editor, The Press Democrat
Santa Rosa, California

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of January 19 telling me that the Indian troubles concerning which I made an inquiry on November 13, related to a period of 50 years ago and were published in your anniversary edition. I had not heard of this edition and received the clipping from a Clipping Bureau, already cut out, so you may understand my astonishment.

Very truly yours,

February 5,1923.

Mr. G. D. Russell
Postmaster
Port Arthur,Ontario

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for the reply of January 26 to my letter of inquiry in regard to the reported killing of 3 men by wolves at Ignace,in the Sturgeon River region of New Ontario, and please present my thanks to the man who was kind enough to write the letter but whose name I am not quite sure of or I would write him direct.

The information you have given me is about what I had expected as I have never yet succeeded in running down an authentic case of the killing of a man by wolves in this country.

Again thanking you for your courtesy in this matter.

Very truly yours,

February 5,1923.

Mr. W.I.Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is my expense account for January,1923, amounting to $32.45, together with unpaid vouchers as listed below, all of which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

A.M.Robertson,Union Sq.,San.Fran. - Books.....$11.30
Science Press, N.Y.City, Scientific Monthly for 1923 .....$5.00
Science, 1922 & 1923....12.00 } 17.00
Stockett-Fiske Co., 2000 4x6 Cards..... 5.75
Zenaida Merriam, Assistant..... 31.50
Madeline E.Pierson, Stenographer.(Jan.11-31,inc.). 83.33

C. Hart Merriam

1919-16th Street, Washington, D.C.

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2	Jour. Wash. Academy Sciences, for 1923		5 00
8	Anderson Galleries Priced Catalog #1698	1	2 00
12	Proc. Biological Soc. 1923		3 00
17	Otto Lange. Nach dem Sacramento, 1855 Lienhard, Californien, 1898	2	2 55
22	Burnham Antique Book Store, Boston. Colton's Map Calif.- 1859	3	2 50
31	Allen's Press Clippings Bureau, San Francisco Clippings on Mammals & Indians	4½	3 00
	Nature Magazine for 1923		3 00
	Electric current Dec.20-Jan.20, $13.80 (1/3)		4 60
	Stamped envelopes & postage, Jan.		2 80
	Florence Johnson, cleaning office rooms, Jan.	4	5 00
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C. Hart Merriam

1919-16th Street
February 8,1923.

Director
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me for official use 2 copies each of the following California map sheets published by the Survey:

Carbona	Kerman
Chaney Ranch	Oxalis
Charleston School	Parks Bar
Dos Palos	Pozo Farm
Friant	Round Mountain
Gregg	Tufts Ranch

Also, if you can spare them, 4 copies of the Pozo sheet in San Luis Obispo County (interval, 50 feet).

Also 2 copies each of the Survey's State Maps (1 inch to 8 miles) of Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

Respectfully,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S.Geographic Board.

February 7,1923.

Colonel George W.Stewart
Visalia,California

Dear Colonel Stewart:

Very many thanks for your letters of January 27 and February 1, and for the copy of the Visalia Times of January 31 containing a reprint of my article.

The Lindsay Gazette has not yet arrived but I have written the editor asking for a few copies.

I am obliged to you for your promptness and courtesy in the matter of putting the thing through. I am glad that you will make a point of coming to Lagunitas next summer as I am sure you will be interested to see the progress made in mapping the distribution of California tribes since you last saw my maps.

And I am particularly glad to know that you have secured additional information concerning the Yokut people and that you are willing to turn this over to me later on. This will be a great help.

What you say about Indian houses on Klamath River in the very early days, as told you by the late Dr. Cartmill of Tulare, interests me mightily. Do you know just where he was on the Klamath, or did he follow the canyon all the way down? The point of special interest is in regard to the location of the 3-room houses of which he speaks.

I have made a number of trips along Klamath River,

and some years ago my daughter Zenaida and I made a horseback trip all the way down through the Lower Canyon from Happy Camp to New Orleans. In addition to the Modoks, who claimed the extreme upper course of the Klamath from Lower Klamath Lake to the junction of Shovel Creek at Beswick (= Klamath Hot Springs), three distinct tribes, each representing a linguistic stock, occupied the territory of which Klamath River is the main artery. Of these: (1) the Shasta extended from the mouth of Shovel Creek westerly to Siad Creek; (2)the Karok,from just below Siad Creek to Bluff Creek, 8 miles above Wetchpek; (3) the Polikla, from Bluff Creek to the ocean, with an offshoot or closely related tribe called the Nererner,reaching southerly in a narrow coast strip to Trinidad Head and the mouth of Little River.

It is important to know which of these 3 very distinct peoples built the 3-room houses to which Dr. Cartmill refers.

I have examined and made detailed notes on some of the old houses of the Karok. These houses are rectangular in shape and are built of huge planks, split out of the logs by means of elk-horn standing vertically. wedges, but those that I have seen had only one room.

Have you any other notes from Dr. Cartmill? Anything that he told you would be likely to be of interest, particularly if you know the date and locality.

Your remarks on the "tsees" of the Yokuts and the cedar bark houses, particularly the long one which you saw in Eldorado County, also interest me and I shall be glad if you will kindly give me

the name of the locality in each case. There are so many tribes of Yokuts that it is desirable to pin the locality down as precisely as possible. For instance, I have myself seen houses of the Tahche of Tulare Lake (a Yokuts tribe) covered with tule mats, while those of Yokut tribes in the foothills and lower mountains are very different.

As to the best names for these Indian dwellings: The name tepee, as I understand it, relates to the skin-covered conical tents of the nomadic plains tribes, the name implying a framework of poles, over which is thrown a thin flexible covering -- in the old days,of buffalo or elk hides sewed together, today usually of canvas. The term wigwam,to my mind, implies a conical structure of bark or other rigid material,supported by poles as in the case of the tepee. The term wikiup, as I understand it, implies a more or less dome-shaped framework of slender sticks of willow or other brush, covered with mats or thatch of tule or coarse grass or, as in the case of the summer homes of most of the Piute tribes, may consist wholly of brush and may be widely open in front. You, of course, have observed that these terms are used very loosely by some authors and by some interchangeably, but would it not be in the interest of definiteness and accuracy to restrict their use somewhat as above defined?

With kind regards and best wishes to Mrs.Stewart and yourself,and also to Emily when you write,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 8,1923.

Mr. A.M.Robertson
222 Stockton Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Your bill of $11.30 for books sent me a month or more ago has been transmitted to the Smithsonian to be paid from the Special Fund for my scientific work, and a check will be sent you direct in a few days.

Thanking you for your attention in the matter,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 8,1923.

My dear Ellen:

Your letter of January 12 gave me a very pleasant surprise. I had not realized that you had grown big enough and smart enough to write a letter all by yourself, and so thought it was from your mother until I came to your signature.

I did not know that you had a little sister, Arabella. That was the name of one of my cars. You say that she is 9 months old and had 9 teeth. You will have to look out, for if she keeps on at the rate of one tooth a month she will have a pretty big crop in the course of a few years. Do you remember when you used to wash your little brother's head in the big tub after you had washed his feet every night?

We have had a pretty good winter here in Washington, without much snow, although at present the city and country are covered with snow and the weather is cold.

I hope to return to California early in the spring and am hoping also to be able to pay you all a visit. It is good to know that you and your family are well and happy, and I know that your father and mother are as busy as usual. I know also that you must be a great help to mamma these days for I am sure that any little girl who can write such a nice letter would be sure to do a good job in washing dishes and might possibly be able to cook breakfast -- provided she could get up early enough.

With kindest regards to the Carpenter family and also to Mrs. Green and her children when you see them,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Ellen Carpenter,
Salyer, Calif.

February 9,1923.

Hon. Charles Lathrop Pack
Lakewood,New Jersey

Dear Sir:

The preliminary announcements of the Nature Magazine filled many of us with a certain mixture of enthusiasm and hope, for the reason that it promised to occupy a field which has long felt the need of a reliable publication devoted to the popular side of Natural History.

But the appearance of the first number a few days ago gave me, and doubtless many others, a distinct and painful shock. An occasional error in a magazine of this sort is inevitable but the large number of erroneous statements in this number is,to say the least, disheartening. And when in addition to errors of carelessness or lack of knowledge one finds deliberate misrepresentation it is hard to repress one's feelings. When, for instance, one finds an article stated to be by H. D. George, and learns that there is no such man but that the author is really George H. Dacy, and when on turning the page one finds a picture of a multitude of pelts of Bobcats and Coyotes representing a year's catch in one of the Western States and finds it labelled in such a way as to imply that it is

the kill of a single hunter, the only word that seems to fit the case is deliberate dishonesty.

I for one had great hopes of this Magazine, believing it would serve a most useful purpose, but if it is to abound in errors of fact and is to be edited dishonestly, the sooner the facts are brought to public attention the better.

Instead of writing a public review, I am calling these matters to your personal attention in the hope that it may not be too late to reform, and that it may be still possible for your organization to publish a Magazine that will occupy a useful field and at the same time be a credit to yourselves.

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

February 8,1923.

Prof. B.W.Evermann
Director Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Professor Evermann:

A few days ago the expressman brought me the two huge volumes entitled, Reptiles of Western North America by John Van Denburgh.

It is a great publication and one of which the Academy may well be proud. It does seem a pity however that a publication of such permanent value, and one which will naturally be handled a great deal should be printed on such utterly abominable paper. The paper appears to be of the poorer class of wood pulp, such as the cheaper newspapers are printed on, and has a tendency to break up under the most careful handling. If it had been printed on good rag stock paper the volumes would be only about half as thick and consequently much more convenient to use.

But for the substance of the volumes I have nothing but praise. The illustrations, with few exceptions, are of unusual excellence, and the text is so good and so full of new material that it marks an epoch in the knowledge of the Reptiles of Western America. Both Van Denburgh and yourself are to be congratulated on putting through so big an undertaking and one which will prove both a help and a stimulus to students of Vertebrate Zoology.

I earnestly trust that this work may be followed in the not distant future by a similar treatise on the Batrachians.

In thanking you for copy of Van Denburgh's Reptiles which the Academy has been kind enough to present to me I wish to say that the work will be so useful to me that I shall permanently need copies at both ends of the line, and therefore on my return to Lagunitas in the early spring I shall avail myself of the privilege of purchasing a copy for use at my California headquarters.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Townsend

February 9,1923.

Dr. John VanDenburgh
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor VanDenburgh:

One of the big surprises of my life happened a few days ago when I opened a package from California and found your 2 large volumes on the Reptiles of Western North America. I was actually thrilled and took the books up to my den where I poured over them until hours after my usual bedtime.

To say that I congratulate you on this great piece of most useful work does not express half what I feel -- both text and illustrations are so full of interest. I don't see how one man ever succeeded in getting such excellent photographs of such a very large number of species of Reptiles.

In looking over the book the natural feeling is that a lifetime is hardly sufficient for its preparation and if I did not know you I am sure I would put your age at about 100 years.

The book is so useful to me and so necessary in connection with my field work that I feel that I must always have a copy near at hand.

I regret that pressure of work during the past few years has prevented me from assisting you in the matter of material, and wish to add that the reason I failed to keep my promise to send you specimens of our big Redwood Salamander is that during the past 2 seasons I did not find a single one. I suspect that there is some connection between the scarcity of these beasts and of the big slugs on which they feed, both having been plentiful in the Lagunitas country until the last couple of years.

Trusting that you will now turn your energies toward the production of a similar and even more needed work on the Batrachians,

Very truly yours,

E. Walt Linsdale

Pity that is not available a book should be printed on — or rather useful paper —

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Very truly yours,

E. Walt Mainland

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February 8,1923.

Col. J. A. McGuire
1824 Curtis Street
Denver, Colorado

Dear Colonel McGuire:

In connection with the recent widespread publication of a newspaper story about the killing of 2 or 3 men by Wolves on the North Shore of Lake Superior in the Port Authur country, would say that in reply to my inquiry, the Postmaster at Port Arthur, Ontario, writes me under date of January 26,1923:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 16th. instant, requesting information as to the reliability of a despatch circulated, in connection with the reported killing of three men by wolves at Ignace, in the Sturgeon River Region of New Ontario.

"The facts as stated, are, to say the least, greatly exaggerated, and the different circumstances connected with the story, are so very conflicting, as to leave no doubt in my mind, that the whole thing is simply an imaginative narrative, created, doubtless, for the purpose of reopening, through the medium of the press, that old controversy, "Do Wolves attack human beings"?

"Reports of a similar nature have been prominent in the past, and while wolves are a scourge to wild animal life, and a source of annoyance to settlers in the back country, in so far as they will not hesitate to carry off domestic fowl, yet the authentic and genuine evidence of men being killed by them has yet to be established.

"This latest report originated at Ignace, 200 miles west of this city. It is the concensus of opinion here, that there is not the slightest foundation of truth in it."

During the past 40 years a number of cases of the alleged killing of men in the United States and Canada by Wolves and Cougars have appeared in the newspapers. In each instance I have made an effort to run down the report. One or two of the Couger cases have proved genuine, but without a single exception all of the Wolf cases have turned out to be fakes.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

February 9,1923.

Professor S. D. Green
Board of Education
Trenton,New Jersey

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 8 and a similar one of a previous date are before me. You ask for an expression of my views as to principles of conduct that might be helpful in shaping careers. There are two reasons for my delay in reply. One, that I am not a preacher; the other, that I see no possibility in saying what others have not said before. However, inasmuch as you have repeated your request, you may say to your class for me that carelessness, inattention to instructions and to details of execution, lack of system and neatness in work, and lack of responsibility are among the failings that keep many people from advancing. There are those who work by the clock, who take no interest in their work and are careful not to do more than they feel they are paid for. You do not need to be told where such people end up. In cases of doubt the Golden Rule is usually a safe one to follow. Industry, perseverance, and honesty of service are the landmarks to success.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 9,1923.

Mr. J. D. Figgins
Denver, Colorado

My dear Sir:

My attention has just been called to a paper of yours describing a new Badger from Colorado which I am told was published in Vol. 2, No.2 of the Proceedings of the Colorado Museum of Natural History in 1918.

If you can send me a copy I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 15,1923.

Mr.C.E.Sykes
Ardmore,Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Sykes:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging receipt of your last letter and of your Big Bear skull which arrived safely about a month ago. About that time I was down with the all prevalent grippe and did not go to the Museum for some time.

A few days ago I went to the Museum and measured your skull. It is an unmistakable Ursus gyas but by no means the largest. In fact, it is about the average of fully adult males. It is an excellent specimen however and a very handsome skull, and I am obliged to you for your courtesy in letting me see it.

All measurements of skulls are taken in a straight line between the extreme points. Measured thus, the greatest length of your skull is 430 millimeters (approximately 17 inches) while the basal length from extreme front of skull to back of condyle is 405 millimeters (nearly 16 inches).

In a previous letter you kindly offered to present it to the Museum if it proved to be a "record" skull, but although it is not a "record" specimen the Museum would nevertheless be very glad to have it. However, if you wish it returned I shall of course send it at once and would like to know if any more specific address than'Ardmore'is needed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 19,1923.

Mr. John R. Swanton
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Swanton:

In looking over your recent interesting article entitled New Light on the Early History of the Siouan Peoples, published in the Journal of the Washington Academy for Feb. 4, I was rather surprised to see that in your numerous footnote references you give the title and page but not the date. This struck me as so extraordinary that I examined recent numbers of the Anthropologist where, to my surprise, the same defect is noticeable.

In looking for an authority, a scientific man ordinarily wants to know 2 things: where and when. In other words, where the information was originally published, and when it was published. In biological publications the date is often of even greater importance than the place of publication.

I have no doubt that you will agree with me in this and that the oversight will be corrected in the future numbers of the Anthropologist.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 21,1923.

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, Calif.

Dear Mr. Knight:

Your letter of January 27 was most welcome and I wish to thank you particularly for your promptness in telling me about the Haw-win-quit, Sam Lopez. I did not suspect that he came from the Smith River country. This locates him among the Tol'-lo-wa, the northernmost Athapaskan tribe in California.

And I am glad also to know about where the Pi-utes came from.

I have delayed writing in the hope of learning more as to Collett's progress. He has not yet actually given the case in question to Mr. Wise, and I suspect that he has not succeeded in raising the necessary funds. I would like to see this case tried out in order that we might know just where we stand as to future possibilities.

The Pueblo case in connection with Senator Bursum's bill has been very much in evidence here during the past month or two. A delegation of Pueblo Indians spent some time here and also visited New York and were everywhere welcomed and given an opportunity to speak. Their case has excited a large amount of comment and criticism. The criticism has been applied all along the line ~~to~~ Secretary Fall, of the Interior Department,

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Judge Raker is making another effort to give California Indians a chance with the Court of Claims. And the next few days will tell whether or not he succeeds. If he does, I will of course let you know.

With best wishes from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I am enclosing an article I wrote a short time ago on the subject of the new Algonkian. The title of it on one of his own. Owing to the pressure of Congressional business I could not get it published in the Sierra Club Bulletin, but there is no doubt it will be published next winter.

February 21,1923.

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C. Hart Merriam

I am enclosing an article I wrote a short time ago on the subject of the same Digger Indians. The view set out in this report are those of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Owing to the pressure of Congressional business I could not do what I expected in the Office history, but there we have it and it can be fitted into history.

Yours

Retake of Preceding Frame

February 19,1923.

Col. H. C. Rizer, Chief Clerk
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th instant and for your courtesy in sending the maps asked for, all of which have just come to hand.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman Geographic Board.

February 21,1923.

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Eastwood:

A week or so before Christmas I ordered a copy of the Portfolio of Colored Illustrations of New York Plants to be sent to you, and am wondering if they arrived. If they did I suspect that the clerk who mailed them forgot to put in my card so that you did not know where they came from. You may have had them before in the two big volumes in which they originally appeared, but in any case I thought you would not object to a set of the plates by themselves. A few of them are badly printed owing to erroneous registration. But as a whole I think they are wonderfully good, don't you? I wish you could do something of the same kind for our California plants.

We have been having a rather mild winter -- not much snow and not so much cold weather as usual although at present we are just recovering from a cold spell.

Elizabeth is in Cambridge with Dorothy. The grandchildren have been pulling hard on her all winter and it has been apparent for some time that it would be only a matter of days before she would leave us. Zenaida therefore is in charge of the ranch and I am happy to add that thus far there has been plenty to eat.

We are hoping and expecting to start for California the first week in April.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 21,1923.

Mr. J. D. Figgins, Director
Colorado Museum of Natural History
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Figgins:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your paper describing the new Badger from Colorado, which has just arrived. I am very glad to add it to my Badger file.

Very truly yours,

E. Hartert

February 22,1923.

Col. George W. Stewart
Visalia, Calif.

Dear Colonel Stewart:

Very many thanks for your interesting letter of the 14th instant, with accompanying map of the country east of Placerville, thus answering my questions very fully.

I am very glad to know that you found the dome-shape tsees of the Yokuts so far up in the foothills as Lemon Cove and on Tule River and Deer Creek. And I am particularly obliged for the details you have so kindly given me as to the conical and A-tent shape bark houses of the Mis-se-nan east of Placerville. I am fairly familiar with that region and have been to Smiths Flat several times, once going south from there to Chief Hunchup's place between North and Middle Forks of Cosumnes River.

I think I have seen the very Madrone trees you mention but am not sure, as I have not time today to look the matter up in my journals.

Again thanking you for taking so much trouble in my behalf, and with kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 22,1923.

Dr. J. Walter Fewkes
Director, Bureau of Ethnology
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Fewkes:

I am wondering if someone in your Bureau knows about the distribution of Algonkin tribes in northern New Brunswick. What I particularly want to know is whether the Mikmak or Abnakki inhabited north-central New Brunswick in the region where Victoria is in contact with Restigouche and Northumberland[illegible] map.

Trusting I am not giving you too much trouble, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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February 22,1923.

Mr. John Oliver LaGorce
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. LaGorce:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant would say that the Scarlet Ibis, which evidently is the one referred to in the clipping, has been found in Florida a number of times but is extremely rare.

The other one, the Roseate Spoonbill, breeds in colonies in southern Florida. A few years ago, if I am not mistaken, Frank Chapman photographed one of these colonies.

Chapman is now in Florida in the same town with Shiras. He would be glad to give you any details you may wish in this line.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 26,1923

Mr. William H. Crocker
President, Board of Trustees
California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Crocker:

The recent arrival of the last publication of the California Academy, namely VanDenburgh's two large volumes on the Reptiles, prompts me to say a word of appreciation for the splendid scientific work the Academy is doing. Publications of this kind give the Academy a standing among the scientific organizations of the world which it would be difficult to attain in any other way.

VanDenburgh's Reptiles at once becomes a classic in Zoology and is likely to remain for all time a standard work on the Reptiles of Western America. The illustrations are admirable; in fact, remarkable, and it is a great pity that the text was printed on such miserable paper.

Personally,I feel great satisfaction in this renewed evidence that the Academy is fostering research work in Natural History and am sure that the present important contribution to knowledge will add materially to its prestige.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

February 26,1923

Mr. John W. Mailliard
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

The recent receipt of VanDenburgh's Reptiles of Western America recently published by the Academy, inspires me to drop you a line of congratulation. It certainly is encouraging to see the Academy adding to its prestige by the publication of so important a contribution to systematic Zoology. I do not think of anything that could add so much to the standing of the Academy in the estimation of the scientific other organizations of the world as the publication of the results of painstaking original research. And it certainly is comforting to see that the Academy is spending part of its fund in this way.

The only misfortune connected with VanDenburgh's Reptiles so far as I am aware, is the horrible wood pulp paper on which it is printed and which I fear will go to pieces in a few years. The excellence of the text and illustrations certainly deserves more permanent support.

I hope VanDenburgh may be prevailed upon to publish a similar though necessarily very much smaller work on the Amphibians of the West Coast Region -- the literature relating to them being so fragmentary, scattered, and in most cases so antiquated as to be unavailable to the average student.

With best wishes and kind regards to you all,
Very truly yours,

February 26,1923

Mr. Donald Dickey
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Dickey:

In looking up the Algonkin tribe belonging to the region where Restigouche, Victoria, and Northumberland meet, I was not able to make sure whether the tribe was Ab-ná-ki or Mik-mak (commonly spelled 'Micmac'). So I wrote Dr. J.Walter Fewkes, Chief of the Bureau of Ethnology at the Smithsonian, and he replied as follows:

"I beg to say that so far as I can judge from the information available by us, the Micmac inhabited [illegible] th central New Brunswick in the region indicated. [illegible]mac is spoken at the present time at Restigouche."

This is not very exact but it may answer the purpose.

The Mount Mazama mammal paper goes to you by this mail. The typewritten first page has been carefully compared with the original.

It was a real pleasure to see you and your wife here, and as you know we enjoyed your lecture and wonderful pictures immensely. Next time you come we hope you will stay longer.

There are loads of things in my files and library which I had hoped to show you and talk with you about. However we may have better luck some other time.

With kindest regards to your wife and mother,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 26,1923.

Mr. Edgar J. Banks
Eustis, Florida

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant concerning Babylonian tablets has been forwarded to me from California.

Apparently you have been misinformed, as I have no special interest in anything of this kind, my field in Anthropology relating to the living Indians of California and Nevada.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 27,1923

Mr. Charles Granville Minifie
1590 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Sir:

Your letter of February 21 with enclosures reached me this morning, and I hasten to reply.

In my admiration for California and its full name I am second to no one. For the past 35 years I have averaged about 3 months each year in the Golden State, and for the past 12 years have had a home in Marin County which is my headquarters during half or more than half of each year.

It was because of my interest in the State and my admiration for the name that I undertook the fight a few years ago to secure the official adoption of Calif. instead of the then prevalent 'Cal.' in the government bureaus, and elsewhere so far as possible. It has always seemed to me that the abbreviation 'Cal.', as standing for calomel, calamity, and other undesirable things, was a belittlement of the name.

But I met with much opposition — some here in Washington, especially from the Government Printing Office, and I regret to say, from residents of California. You may be surprised to know that a bill was introduced in the California

Legislature providing that 'Cal.' should be the official abbreviation for the State! I think I was instrumental in killing this bill.

I have held that 'Calif.' gives the feeling of the name and is not susceptible of confusion with Col. for Colorado, as is the case when Cal. is written on envelopes.

I agree with you in favoring the use of the full name wherever practicable, but I do not think that the use of the full name could be enforced in the government departments, particularly the Post Office and Government Printing Office, where it would have to be printed many thousands of times each year. The length of the name requires so many letters that it could not well be used in tabular matter, and in the case of the canceling stamps of the Post Offices it would go all the way around or so nearly all around that much larger canceling stamps would be necessary in order to give room for the place name and date.

Of course you will understand that I am writing you personally, giving my personal views, not officially as Chairman of the Geographic Board, the matter not yet having been brought to the Board's attention.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Hon. Charles L. McNary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

1919 - 16th Street
February 26,1923

Dear Sir:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter about the gazetteer work of Will G. Steel of Eugene, Oregon.

On thinking the matter over for some days I am obliged to confess that I do not think I can draft a bill covering the case.

The matter is a complicated one. Mr. Steel's cards of place names, judging from those he sent me a year or two ago, would require considerable editing, amounting in many cases to re-writing by a person trained in this sort of business. But the Geographic Board has no paid Secretary or Clerk and has never had any appropriation except for the printing of its reports.

There is great need of an authentic historical gazetteer of place names in the United States, and the Board, since its establishment thirty-three years ago, has constantly had such a work in view but the lack of funds has heretofore defeated this object.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman Geographic Board

February 27,1923

Mr. Walter D. Wilcox
1526 New Hampshire Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wilcox:

Replying to yours of yesterday would say that J. H. Riley of the Division of Birds in the National Museum has spent some time in Cuba and is undoubtedly the best informed person in Washington on the subject of the ornithology of the Island.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 28,1923

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
2728 Union Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

The slips I promised to send you on the geographic names El Capitan and Pohono, both in Yosemite Valley, are herewith enclosed in the hope that you might feel disposed to omit the select rubbish you were good enough to show me in your otherwise admirable manuscript. Thus far I have not heard from you or from Mr. Colby in regard to the list of names submitted by Veersteg for points in the Sierra.

I was very glad to meet you and hope to see you in California during the coming season.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Pohono Falls, Yosemite Valley; usually called Bridal Veil Falls. The word Po-ho-no means 'chunks'--"Coming down in chunks", as the Indians say--in reference to the fact that the water, instead of falling in a uniform sheet, shoots down in irregular successions of sky-rocket masses separated by wavering veils of mist. The fanciful interpretations of Pohono given by authors, as "An evil spirit whose breath is a blighting and fatal wind" (Hutchings,1860); "A blast of wind, or the night wind" (Whitney, 1868; Kneeland, 1871); "Spirit of the Evil Wind" (Cronelly, 1869; Gordon Cumming, 1884); "Name of some vegetable growth" (Bunnel, 1880), are creations of the imagination.

El Capitan, called by the Indians To-to'-kon-oo-lah' in honor of a great chief of the First People, whose name was To-to'-kon, the Sandhill Crane Man. He is said to have lived on the top of the huge El Capitan.

The various meanings attributed to this name by authors are pure fiction.

February 28,1923

Dr. Walter Fisher
Pacific Grove, Calif.

Dear Walter:

Your article on Research in Marine Biology, published in Science February 23,1923, certainly hits the nail on the head and hits it hard. There would seem to be no come-back from your position.

Your father's recovery was a great joy to a great many people. I should have written you from time to time during the first few days except for the fact that there was then a good deal of uncertainty as to the outcome and I hesitated to say anything definite.

With best wishes to yourself and wife, and hoping to see you both at Lagunitas in the not distant future

As ever yours,

E. W. Nelson

February 28,1923

Mr. C. E. Sykes
Ardmore, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Sykes:

Thanks for your letter of the 24th instant just received.

I wish to thank you, both personally and in the name of the Museum, for your kindness in presenting your Big Bear skull to our National Collection, where for all time it will be available for examination by students of American Mammals. It has been entered today as a donation from you.

It is good to know that you have planned another bear hunt. I shall be much interested to learn of the result.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson

1919-16th Street
March 1, 1923

Hon. Charles L. McNary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. McNary:

Pardon my oversight in not returning Mr. Steel's letter, along with the memorandum I sent you a year or so ago. They are enclosed herewith.

With apologies,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1923

Mr. W. I. Adams
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the month of February, amounting to $19.15; and also salary vouchers for:

Madeline E. Pierson, stenographer...$130.00
Zenaida Merriam, assistant..... 28.00

and voucher, A. H. Twitchell, 3 Alaska Bear skulls. 15.00

which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I am enclosing also a belated receipt from Allen's Press Clipping Bureau for clippings on Indians, Bears, and Panthers, which should be sub-voucher #4½ for the January account already paid.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 - 16th St, Washington, D.C.

February	EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR FEBRUARY 1923	Sub = Voucher	
3	Thomas LaFrance -- Legends of the Delaware The Adoption of Mew-seu-qua	1	5 00
5	Sunset Magazine for February		25
19	4 rolls paper towels	2	2 00
	Stamps and stamped envelopes		2 30
	Cleaning office rooms, month of February		4 00
	Electric current Jan.20-Feb.19, $10.80 (1/3)		3 60
16	Boonville Herald for 1923	3	2 00
	Total		$ 19 15

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March 6,1923

Dr. George R. Hill, Jr.
Utah Agricultural College
Logan, Utah

Dear Doctor Hill:

For a long time I have been anxiously awaiting the appearance of the grizzly skull concerning which we have had so much correspondence, but thus far it has not arrived. It must be well dried out by this time and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly have it packed and shipped as early as practicable so that I may have an opportunity to examine it before returning to California.

On its receipt I will of course attend to the payment of the promised $25.00.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 6,1923

Mr. A. H. Twitchell
Flat, Alaska

My dear Sir:

On visiting the National Museum a short time ago I found the three grizzly skulls which you sent in from the Upper Kuskokwim and have turned in a voucher of $15.00 for them, the check for which was probably sent you last week by the Smithsonian.

With thanks for your continued help in securing these skulls,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 6,1923

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy of Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Doctor Stone:

Please pardon my delay in replying to your kind letter of January 22nd, particularly since you were so good as to send me one of your copies of the Oologist paper desired.

I am glad you agree with me as to the typographic feature mentioned in the Auk.

We are all mighty glad to know that you are so satisfactorily fixed in your new home. I know what this means.

With best wishes to Mrs. Stone and yourself and hoping that we may have you with us again at our little shack in the Redwoods,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 6,1923

Dr. J. VanDenburgh
240 Stockton Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor VanDenburgh:

Thanks for your interesting letter of February 17. I at once acted on two of your three suggestions, and hope to see Dr. Stejneger within a few days in regard to a review.

Personally I had to give up writing reviews some years ago, and for several reasons -- I was too behindhand in my own work to spare the time, and I learned by sad experience that one review led to another and that authors felt it a grievance if I reviewed some other fellow's book and not ~~review~~ theirs. So, in spite of appeals from some rather eminent personal friends, I abandoned the business altogether.

Just as soon as I can finish writing up last season's field notes I expect to return to California. The provisional date set is about a month hence.

Hoping therefore to see you in the not distant future,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 6,1923

Dear Mrs. Helen Dare:

Your letter dated February 20 arrived several days ago,and the package of ethnological specimens from Alaska came today. It is hardly necessary to tell you how highly I prize these specimens; and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly tell me where some of them came from -- particularly the tool handle which fits into the hand so nicely,and the spear.

The Aleutian Island cigar case is a beauty.It is of superb workmanship and I am proud to add it to my basket collection, and will photograph it in a few days. The fossil buttons also are interesting.

There is one specimen which I do not understand. It is the long walrus ivory one with the deep groove on the back side and curved flaring end. I will take it to the Museum and see if I can find out what it is. Do you remember where it came from?

Just at present Mrs. Merriam is with our married daughter in Cambridge, enjoying a visit with her devoted grandchildren, while Zenaida is keeping house for me.

I regret very much that you have been ill and trust that you are now well on the road to recovery. You have

undoubtedly worried a great deal about the Collett matter, and I am anxious to know what the next move is likely to be.

Last fall I subscribed to Allen's Press Clipping Bureau for excerpts on California Indians and have been receiving a large number. A few of them are important but all are interesting as tending to show a growing popular interest in Indian affairs with special reference to an increasing realization that these poor people have been abominably treated both by the Government and by the citizens of the State.

We are still hoping to return to Lagunitas early in April and are hoping for the pleasure of a visit from you in the not distant future.

Meanwhile with kindest regards from Zenaida and myself, in which Mrs. Merriam would join if she were here,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Helen Dare
51 Florence Street
Russian Hill
San Francisco, Calif.

1919-16th Street
March 7,1923

Mr. Chester Versteeg
827½ North Heliotrope Drive
Los Angeles, California

My dear Sir:

Referring again to the matter of new names for several mountain peaks submitted by you some time ago, would say that I brought the matter to the attention of the U. S. Geographic Board at its last meeting, and was advised to request you to refer the matter to the Committee on Geographic Nomenclature of the Sierra Club so that the names may come before the Government Board with the authoritative recommendation of the Sierra Club. This has been the course adopted by the Government Board in similar cases in the past.

We are informed that the Sierra Club's Committee on Names consists of Professor LeConte, William E. Colby, and two or three others who are interested in establishing the nomenclature of features in the Sierra Nevada.

C. V.---#2.

Just at present I am far too overwhelmed with work to reply to your last questions concerning Indian Tribes and Passes but will remark that I possess very little additional information on the subject of the use of the Passes by Indians.

Very truly yours,

E. T. Parsons

March 7,1923

Mr. A. M. Robertson
Union Square
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

The latter part of December I wrote you that the copy of Englehardt's Lower California (Vol.I of Missions and Missionaries of California), purchased from you some years ago, proves to be imperfect, pages 162-192 being absent and duplicate set of pages 481-509 bound in their place.

I have not heard from you in reply, but am wondering whether you cannot get the publishers to substitute a perfect copy.

When I wrote you I had only just missed the lacking pages, but since then have several times been thwarted in attempting to look up some particular point which unfortunately happened to fall within the absent signatures.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 7,1923

Col.H.C.Rizer, Chief Clerk
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

Your letter concerning your "young friend Mitchell" who wants to write an article on Acorn Food is at hand. I plead guilty to the receipt of a letter from Mitchell while at Lagunitas last summer but it struck me as so presumptious that I omitted replying.

The article in question with the accompanying illustrations was copyrighted by the National Geographic Society, so that permission to use the same, in whole or in part, would have to be granted by the editor, Mr. Gilbert Grosvenor.

I always feel like encouraging and helping young men to write articles embracing the results of their observations and based at least in large part on material collected by themselves, but this idea of rehashing an article written by somebody else and utilizing illustrations and other materials which another has been years in accumulating has never appealed to me as falling under the head of commendatory procedure. How does it strike you?

With best wishes and affectionate regards,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 7,1923

Mr. Thomas Murphy
Blocksburg, California

My dear Sir:

Last fall Dr. Sterling Bunnell gave me a highly interesting account of the bear hunt he had just made with you, and I regretted that I had not been physically able to be one of the party.

But just now I am not writing about Bears but about Indians. I am wondering if you can give me the names and places of abode of some of the native Indians of your region. I am already acquainted with those at Zenia and in Round Valley,but would like to locate any others who may still live in your general region or in the Larrabee Creek region or on either the upper or middle VanDuzen and Mad Rivers. In other words I want to locate all the Indians I can between South Fork Eel on the west and the main Eel and Mad Rivers on the east.

Any help you can give me in this line will be thankfully received.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 7,1923

Captain Will C.Barnes
Forest Service
Washington, D.C.

Dear Captain Barnes:

Why does the Forest Service continue to hide its light under a bushel?

I have just this moment seen a very large map issued by the Forest Service in 1921 entitled Klamath National Forest. This evidently is a new and corrected edition of the former map published in two sheets and is the map I have been hungering and thirsting for for several years.

I inquired at the office of the Forest Service in San Francisco (Ferry Building) on two different occasions last summer and fall asking if there were any more recent editions of the Klamath, Trinity, and California, Forest Maps, and was assured that there were no more recent ones than the old ones which I had.

I need this map in my business and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly have three copies sent to me at 1919-16th Street. If you cannot spare three, please send at least two.

We missed you at the Geographic Board meeting this morning.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

March 8,1923

Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn
President,American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Professor Osborn:

Your letter dated February 14 and accompanying article entitled Publication Standards in Vertebrate Palaeontology are before me, and I plead guilty also to the belated receipt of previous letter dated August 1 last, which arrived while I was engaged in field work in the mountains of northwestern California.

I sympathize without qualification in your protest against the publication of scientific matter, particularly descriptions of new genera or species, in personally issued leaflets not bearing the imprint of any scientific organization or serial. I would not go so far as to throw out articles published in Nature or Science, nor would I concur in all of the strictures mentioned in your article. Nevertheless I agree entirely in your position that scientific men ought not to recognize new names published in newspapers or unattached leaflets.

The great difficulty is to secure agreement among naturalists. When such excellent naturalists as Joseph Grinnell in California, Witmer Stone in Philadelphia, and others

H.F.O.---#2

accept, by reason of priority, and on purely inferential grounds, names unaccompanied by description or statement of locality, and in so doing displace names based on definite type specimens properly published and accompanied by description and record of locality, what are we going to do? And when so eminent an authority on mammals as Gerrit Miller accepts names published in exhibition catalogs or in any old place, how can scientific men enforce rules of nomenclature?

I am pleased to see your insistence on the use of permanent paper for scientific publications. A recent case and one which you may have noticed is the two big volumes of VanDenburgh's Reptiles of the Pacific Coast Region recently published by the California Academy of Sciences. The paper is miserable wood pulp stock, little better than the daily newspaper, and will hardly stand any handling at all.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8,1923

Mr. William Butler
Editor, American Forestry
914 - 14th Street
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

For some years American Forestry has published from time to time articles and illustrations which were misleading, inaccurate or defective in the way of needed information or credit, and a considerable number of members of the Association have been looking forward with interest to observe what effect the change in editorship might have on the reliability of the journal.

The March number just received gives a scientific man something of a shock, and I am sure you will pardon me for calling your attention to several matters therein contained. For instance, one of the leading articles is on "The Piñon", the name of which I note is written in the Spanish way instead of in the ordinary English way--Pinyon. This article for one of its size contains a surprising number of errors of statement, and the two photographs published to illustrate it show two wholly different species (obvious to anyone), neither of which appears to be a Pinyon.

Isn't this a little severe on the readers of your journal who look to it for accurate information?

W. B.--#2

On another page you publish a picture of a group of stuffed bears with a label implying that they are live animals. Is this fair?

On other pages you publish pictures of a raft in a rapid, and of a log jam, the labels under which consist of a lot of superfluous matter but fail to say where or by whom the photographs were taken.

On still another page you publish a photograph and note of a spider with a young snake hanging in the web, but are silent as to the part of the world in which the accident occurred, thereby rendering worthless a note which if true and accompanied by information as to locality might be of considerable scientific interest.

And on still another page you display a picture of a porcupine taken without credit from Vernon Bailey's Mammals of Glacier National Park and therefore representing an entirely different species from the one of which the article treats.

Probably it has not occurred to you that pictures in a great many cases are as much entitled to credit as the writing of an author and that to publish either without proper credit is literary dishonesty.

In the interests of reliability and fair play I trust that you will make an effort to avoid such unfortunate occurrences in future numbers.

With best wishes for the success of American Forestry,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8.1923

Mr. R.A.Whall, Manager
Metropolitan Air Goods Co.
Athol, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Referring again to our correspondence concerning a light tent for field use (see my letter of Dec. 5 last) I should be glad to know at what price you would furnish me one of your new auto camping tents as described and illustrated in your letter of November 29, but without the floor cloth or mosquito netting.

The material of which you sent me a sample is rather stiff and heavy and I am wondering if you have it in the thin long-fiber cotton material, such as used by the Kompak Tent Company. If so, I should be glad to know the price in both kinds of goods, and also the difference in price for three and four people, if you make it in different sizes.

If you have issued any new catalog of your camping goods I should be glad to receive a copy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8,1923

Rev.P.G.Collett
Indian Board of Cooperation
3 City Hall Avenue
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Collett:

Your letter of March 2 with accompanying map has just reached me. In compliance with your request I have indicated on the map, as accurately as the data at hand permit, the boundaries of the so-called Karok tribe.

It is impossible to indicate the boundaries exactly on a map of such large scale. There are two difficulties. The first, as I wrote you before, relating to the upper limit of the tribe, which from information received from the Indians I believe to have been just below the mouth of Siad Creek but which, to avoid argument, I have placed at Thompson Creek. The other relates to the exact position of the mountain divides on both sides of Klamath River which delimit the territory of the tribe. While all of the villages were close to the Main River or its tributaries. the hunting grounds, acorn grounds, and seed gathering grounds of the tribe extended back on each side to the summit of the divide.

Trusting that this information will be sufficient and that this trial case will be decided in favor of the Indians,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8,1923

Lieut. George T. Emmons
Princeton, N.J.

My dear Lieutenant Emmons:

A few days ago I received your important publication on Jade in British Columbia and Alaska, for which I wish to thank you. I wish also to congratulate you on the beauty of the illustrations and the general attractive appearance of the little book. Like others of your publications it makes a permanent record of interesting little known, or previously unknown, facts which are exceedingly useful to fellow students.

With kind regards to Mrs. Emmons and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8,1923

Dear Doctor Stephens:

It is splendid news that you have purchased that wonderful Alaska ceremonial bow and that your generosity has led you to present it to the Smithsonian Institution.

In reply to your inquiry as to packing and address would suggest that it be well wrapped by itself, and then wrapped against one or two poles or boards of equal or slightly greater length, and that both ends be protected by a heavy wrapping of gunny sacking or something of that sort.

It should be sent by express, addressed to:

Professor William H.Holmes
Head Curator of Anthropology
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

and the outside tag should bear your name and address. Another tag should be tied to the bow before it is wrapped, stating what you know about its origin and giving your name & address. [illegible]

This will be a great addition to the Museum Collection and one highly appreciated, as they have nothing like it.

Yes, we all succeeded in passing out from under our grip colds a long time ago and are now in unusually good health.

Elizabeth is still in Cambridge with Dorothy and the beloved grandchildren. We expect her back in a few days.

And, surprising as it may seem, I am still hoping to close up here and start for California early in April.

With love to you all,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. W.Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

March 9,1923

Professor W.J.Humphreys
U. S. Weather Bureau
Washington, D.C.

Dear Professor Humphreys:

The recent appearance of your address entitled The Murmur of the Forest and the Roar of the Mountain pleases me so much that I feel impelled to tell you how much I appreciate it.

In the course of my more than 50 years of field work I have often heard these murmurs and roars and have never fully understood them. And while parts of your address are beyond my depth I have nevertheless derived much information from its perusal.

I was interested also in what you say about the formation of clouds over mountain summits. I have seen dozens, if not hundreds, of these and have photographed some of them.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9,1923

Hon. Charles H. Burke
Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

May I inquire whether your recent order,as reported in the newspapers,is intended to prevent the August Snake Dance of the Hopi, their most sacred religious ceremony?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 9,1923

Edward Denny & Co.
338 Bush Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a copy of your small map entitled Denny's Pocket Map of Mendicino County revised 1921, measuring inside the frame line 19 x 22½ in.

Not knowing the price I am enclosing $1.00.

Very truly yours,

C.H. Merriam

March 9,1923

Dr. Paul Bartsch
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Bartsch:

Herewith I am handing you the manuscript you asked for of my address at the Baird Centennial, since which, owing to the pressure of other matters, I have not been able to get at.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

BAIRD THE NATURALIST[1]

By C.Hart Merriam.

A century ago today was born into the world a babe destined to develop and organize the natural sciences in America and to become the teacher and leader of the upcoming generation of naturalists -- one whose modesty, simplicity, sincerity, industry and masterly accomplishments were to become an inspiration to fellow workers.

The time was opportune. Coming into manhood at a period when our fauna was little known and the literature fragmentary and scattered; possessed of vigorous body, a clear intellect, sufficient ambition, and an unquenchable love for natural history, he early perceived the opportunity and need for original research and threw himself body and soul into the field.

Confronted with the unsatisfactory state of the best works on Zoology, with special reference to the vertebrates, and with the incompleteness of museum collections, he saw at once the pressing need of gathering the raw materials, and became of necessity a collector of specimens -- for without specimens how could he study and classify the birds, reptiles, batrachians, fishes, and mammals in which he had already become so acutely interested.

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[1] Abstract of address at the Centennial Anniversary of the birth of Spencer Fullerton Baird, held in the National Museum Feb.3,1923. Two prominent sources of information have been freely drawn upon: Goode's Bibliography of Baird, 1883; and Dall's Biography of Baird,1915, the latter containing a multitude of Baird's early letters and other important data.

He began at about the age of 15, the period of maximum youthful enthusiasm, and from that time until overwhelmed by the pressing duties of the Assistant Secretaryship of the Smithsonian in 1850, continued his search for specimens with ever increasing eagerness. And one cannot but be amazed at the magnitude and diversity of his collections.

It is a matter of record that when 27 years old he had accumulated 3500 skins of birds, upwards of 500 glass jars and numerous barrels, kegs, and tin vessels of reptiles, 600 skulls and skeletons of North American vertebrates, a number of embryos 'in pickle', and large collections of fossil bones from the Bone Caves of Pennsylvania and Virginia.

This enormous collection when shipped to the Smithsonian in October 1850 filled two railway cars and became the nucleus of the National Museum.

Birds were his first love, followed closely by reptiles, and a little later by mammals and fishes, all of which continued to occupy his affections to the end of his life. Birds, Mammals, Reptiles, and Batrachians were the subjects of his most elaborate and important contributions to science. He began to publish descriptions of new species of birds in his 20th year, and a year later brought out an important Faunal paper, on the Birds of the Carlisle region. In 1845 he published his only strictly Botanical paper, treating of the Trees and Shrubs of the same region; followed in 1849 (when he was 26 years old) by a most important

original Revision of the North American Tailed-Batrachia, and soon after by Descriptions of New Salamenders, and a paper On the Bone Caves of Pennsylvania, after which until near the end of his life his contributions, appearing at frequent intervals, covered a wide field.

Before the close of his 18th year, in order to acquaint himself with what had been written on the Natural History of America, he had searched the public and private libraries of Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and New York for volumes not available at Carlisle, and in 1846 had visited Boston and New Haven for the same purpose. It is known that he once -- and inferentially several times -- walked 40 miles to Harrisburg and back in a single day, carrying a load of borrowed books and bringing back fresh ones.

Baird as a young man was strong and well developed, more than 6 feet in height, ~~strong~~ and good looking. He was a famous walker, and on one of his excursions, though encumbered with gun and knapsack weighing 25 pounds, walked 400 miles in 21 days, and on the last day no less than 60 miles in 18 hours (walking time exactly 15 hours); and during the year walked upwards of 2200 miles.

In November 1841 he began studying medicine in New York under Dr. Goldsmith, but medicine proved not to his liking and he soon returned to Carlisle.

While in New York Dr. Goldsmith, who evidently was very fond of him, took him to see Audubon, ~~This was his first meeting with Audubon, though they~~ (with whom) had corresponded for several years.

Other distinguished naturalists met in New York were George N. Lawrence, the eminent ornithologist, Titian R. Peale of the Wilkes Expedition, James DeKay, author of the large volumes on the Natural History of New York, J. P. Giraud, author of the Birds of Long Island, and John G. Bell, the leading taxidermist of the time and later a companion of Audubon on the Upper Missouri Expedition.

In 1842 he was urged by Audubon to accompany him on his expedition up the Missouri River to the Yellowstone, but owing to the fears of his mother and other relatives, declined.

In 1845 Baird was appointed Professor of Natural History and Curator of the Cabinet in Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, without pay; the following year he was granted a salary of $400, which in 1847 was raised to $650, and in 1848 to $1000. On beginning his work as teacher he instituted a series of outdoor excursions on Saturday afternoons in the course of which natural history collections were made. This was of great practical assistance to the students, and although in accordance with a widespread custom of today, was at the time "a startling innovation". (Lucy Baird in Dall, p. 145, 1915)

By this time Baird had mastered several foreign languages. In 1845 he was reading German and had begun Italian and Spanish, and early in 1847 he began Danish. In addition to readings for his own use he had done a large amount of translating, especially from German, for Audubon, Cassin, and Dana. In 1848 he undertook the translation and editing, involving the rewriting of many of the chapters, of a very pretentious work --

the Iconographic Encyclopedia -- which appeared in installments, the first four numbers in 1849, the completed volumes in 1852.

Throughout the forties his frequent letters to his brother William teem with ornithological details, for during this period he was not only collecting birds most vigorously and had been given many rare species by Audubon, but also was exchanging specimens with both American and European ornithologists.

In January 1847, acting on a suggestion from James D. Dana, Baird applied to Professor Joseph Henry, Secretary of the newly established Smithsonian Institution, for the position of Curator. But the funds of the Institution available for science were at a low ebb, owing to large expenditures for the construction of the building, and it was not until July 1850 that he was elected Assistant Secretary of the Institution.

Then, when actually installed in this coveted position, his head bursting with the dream of a great National Museum, his efforts to secure specimens were redoubled.

Again the time was opportune, for the government was just beginning its famous series of Pacific Railroad Surveys, in the hope of finding a practical route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific.

Not only were these several expeditions equipped by Baird with collecting outfits, not only were one or more men on each instructed for the work, but in most cases the choice of the naturalist or surgeon-naturalist was delegated to him.

This was his golden opportunity and he utilized it to the utmost, calling on friends and correspondents at home and abroad, and setting in motion the ponderous machinery of the government -- the Army, the Navy, and the civilian branches -- to aid in bringing in materials. His method was not that of the official order but of the personal appeal.

And when one finds among his devoted helpers such luminous names as those of Farragut of the Navy, and of Abert, Abbot, Emory, Ives, McClellan, Marcy, Simpson, Sitgreaves, Scott, Thomas, Whipple, and Williamson of the Army, and of such surgeon naturalists as Doctors J. H. Clark, C.B.R.Kennerly, Wm.Gambel, J. S. Newberry, George Suckley, and Samuel Woodhouse -- one may perhaps realize something of the extent of his acquaintance, the keenness of his knowledge of men, and the far reaching persuasiveness of his personality.

The resulting inflow of specimens and new information, pouring in in ever expanding proportions, was no less than overwhelming, involving a great increase in the correspondence, great labor in keeping collectors supplied with equipment, and--most important of all--necessitating an immediate preliminary examination of the collections, for field naturalists are impatient to learn the value of their contributions and must of course be encouraged.

But this was by no means all, for since at that time little was known of the natural history of the West, a large proportion of the species sent in proved new to science and had to be worked up and described; moreover the reports of the field naturalists had to be corrected, edited, and sometimes rewritten

The whole country was alive to the importance of these transcontinental expeditions and eager for the results, so that prompt publication was a necessity. And Baird's share in the preparation of the resulting 13 fat quarto volumes with their attractive maps and illustrations was enough to occupy an ordinary man a lifetime.

But Baird was no ordinary man.

He saw that the time had arrived for a complete overhauling and rewriting of the technical monographic works on the various groups that go to make up our terrestrial fauna, and was ready and eager for the opportunity. Realizing perhaps that he was the best qualified person in the world for the task, he accepted as his share the preparation of the volumes on Birds, Mammals, and Reptiles. Labor of this exacting kind demanded, but could not possibly receive, his entire time. His days were crowded with the pressing duties of his position at the Smithsonian so that his scientific work had to be done at home and at night. Five years previously, in a letter to his friend George P. Marsh, he had spoken of working 12 hours a day in winter and 15 in summer, but during the rush and pressure of the Pacific Railroad Reports these long hours were materially increased. And it is a matter of record that in the case of his renowned monographs of American Mammals and Birds, the text written one night frequently came back in proof the next, while at the same time new text had to be continually supplied, with no opportunity for the checking and revision of manuscript which most of us find so essential.

One cannot but envy the reserve power and intellectual strength that enable a man to cope successfully with an emergency of this character.

Baird's great monographs set the clock of knowledge far ahead, laid a higher foundation for future research, and at once took their place among the classics of systematic zoology. Probably no works by a single author ever exerted so stimulating an influence on the naturalists of the time.

With the appearance of the Volume on Birds in 1858 began what the late Elliott Coues designated the '<u>Bairdian Period of American Ornithology</u>' -- a period that continued for nearly 30 years "and was characterized by an activity of ornithological research and rapidity of advancement without a parallel in the history of science". And our colleague, Dr. Leonhard Stejneger, writing nearly 40 years ago, contrasted what he called the '<u>Bairdian School</u>', with the older '<u>European School</u>', pointing out that while the latter requires the investigator to accept an author's conclusions on the strength of his word alone, the <u>Bairdian School</u> furnishes the facts from which one may draw his own deductions.

Turning now to a later period (the early seventies) when Baird's major activities had been transferred from the land to the sea, a new impetus was given the study of aquatic life, and it came to pass that under his guidance the knowledge of marine faunas grew as had previously grown the knowledge of terrestrial faunas, until the living things of both the lands and the waters of North America came to be better known than those of any other part of the world.

Baird was of the type that make the best naturalists. Beginning as a field collector and student of birds and soon expanding his interests to include reptiles, batrachians, fishes, fresh water mollusks, fossil shells, fossil bones, mammals, and plants, he acquired a deep understanding of the fauna and flora of his home region, which in turn created a thirst for broader knowledge, leading to collecting trips in many states, to exchanges with many lands, to the bringing about of Natural History explorations in the Far West and the Far North, till his collections overflowed with representatives of the major part of the vertebrate fauna of the continent. In his studies of this material he became the keenest, ablest and most authoritative of American writers on vertebrate zoology. No other person had ever combined in equal degree the qualities of the successful museum man with the high scientific attainments of the monographer of groups.

It was fortunate for him and for us that he lived in--if in truth he did not bring about--the period of greatest activity in the history of the development of the natural history sciences in our country.

We know the value of his personal contributions to systematic zoology, but we may never know the extent to which the progress and dignity of science in America are due to his influence and wisdom, especially in his relations with influential Government officials during the 38 years of his service in the Smithsonian Institution and Fish Commission.

Nor can we measure the results of his encouragment and helpfulness in shaping the careers of the younger naturalists, some of whom, no longer young, are present this evening. For no matter how busy--and he always was overwhelmed with work--Baird never begrudged the time given to the encouragment of young men who were really in earnest. Most American naturalists of the generation now all too rapidly drawing to a close owe to him at least a part of their training and much of their success, and realize how great a privilege it was to have been enrolled under his leadership.

On an occasion of this kind one may be forgiven an indulgence in personal reminiscences. I, in common with perhaps two or three other naturalists here present tonight, owe to Baird much of whatever we may have accomplished, particularly with reference to his advice and assistance in shaping the early part of our careers.

It was Baird who, 52 or 53 years ago, asked me if I would like to go West on one of the Government Expeditions, in reply to which I confided to him that such was the ambition of my life; and a year or two later (in March 1872) he notified me that I had been appointed Naturalist of the Hayden Survey of the Territories, in the course of which it was my privilege to visit the far West and make collections of mammals and birds in the little known territories of Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana.

After my return it was Baird who gave me every facility for work in the Smithsonian building, and in the spring suggested a collecting trip to Florida, which I made early in 1873. This was in part an offset, for Baird knew that I had set my heart on accepting a position on the Wheeler Expedition, to which my friend Henry W. Henshaw had been attached the previous year. Baird had dissuaded me from going, insisting that if I went I would probably continue to go year after year and remain a collector of Natural History specimens rather than become a trained naturalist. Instead, he urged me to go to the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale where I would have the advantage of laboratory work and lectures on Zoology under Verrill, and in Botany under Eaton. His advice, in which my father concurred, was followed, and in 1875, while I was still at Yale, he appointed me an assistant in the Invertebrate laboratory of the U.S.Fish Commission at Woods Hole. Here, by a fortunate combination of circumstances, Samuel F. Clarke (later Professor of Zoology in

Williams College) and I were put in charge of much of the season's work with dredge and trawl on the steamer Blue Light, and in the laboratory had the privilege of working alongside of Alpheus Hyatt, Sidney I.Smith, and Tarleton H. Bean.

A year or two later it was the combined influence of Baird and Verrill that prompted me to draw out from the Utica Savings Bank all the money I had in the world in order to make a collecting trip for rare invertebrates in the Bay of Fundy, taking with me Edmund B. Wilson, then a boy, now DaCosta Professor of Biology in Columbia University.

Again it was Baird who induced me to collect fishes in the Adirondack region of northern New York and provided part of the necessary outfit. Still later it was with his cooperation that I visited the Newfoundland and Labrador Seal Fishery as Surgeon on the sealing steamer 'Proteus'. And finally, it was his influence more than that of any other one person that induced Congress to make the initial appropriation for ornithological work in the Department of Agriculture, beginning July 1,1885, which later developed into the present Biological Survey.

Those of us who were closely associated with Baird are sure to recall many acts of thoughtful kindness. One of these occurred during the winter of 1872-73 when G. Brown Goode and I were working in the basement labyrinths of the Smithsonian. Suddenly, to our astonishment and joy, Professor Baird appeared, bringing the renowned Louis Agassiz down "to see what we were about"! Here, standing beside us, were the two greatest living

naturalists; the two who had done most to encourage young men and to advance the study of Natural History in America—the two men in all the world upon whom we looked with greatest reverence.

In Natural History as elsewhere there are guideposts to direct the steps of the explorer. Some of these in America--pillars rising conspicuously from the broad plain of knowledge--were Audubon, Agassiz, Baird. Sir John Richardson deserves a place among them but his researches were restricted to the far north.

Audubon was the pioneer, and while his personal labors were in the fields of Ornithology and Mammalogy, the genius of his writings and the magnificence of his paintings did much to arouse general interest in the Natural History sciences.

Agassiz combined two quite distinct qualities--those of the patient investigator and the popular lecturer, and with his genial manner and pleasing address, did more than any other man, before or since, to popularize the study of Natural History.

Baird on the other hand, while a wise councilor and a born organizer and leader, was personally so modest and shy that he never appeared on a public platform; a man of tireless energy, an enthusiastic collector, a critical student, an able delineator of the characters of animals, the best informed man in the world on the vertebrate faunas of North America, he became, as summarized by the Encyclopedia Britanica, "the most representative general man of science in America".

That it should fall to the lot of one man to rise to the highest eminence in science as a result of the value of his own contributions, and that this man should be chosen to occupy the highest position in the gift of science, is not in itself so strange; but that the personality and influence of this same man should prove so stimulating and far-reaching as to create an army of enthusiastic workers in the various fields of natural history, that it should enlist in behalf of his projects a multitude of civilians and high officials of the government, and that it should move the Congress of the United States to do his bidding, is a thing unprecedented in the history of science.

March 10,1923

Reginald Atkinson
188 Peckham Rye,
London,S.E.22,England

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your catalog No.51 just received. In it I find titles of two books which I shall be glad to purchase if you have not already sold them:

Kelly,Across the Rocky Mountains from New York to California, London 1852. 6s

Lanman,Adventures in the Wilds of North America,1854. 6s

If you will kindly send them with bill I will remit at once.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919-16th Street
March 13, 1923

Mr. William E. Colby
402 Mills Building
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Colby:

Thanks for your letter of the 2nd instant, on receipt of which I again wrote Mr. Versteeg. This is the second or third case this year in which I have referred members of the Sierra Club to your Committee on Names. If they would only get their names approved by your Committee before sending them to Washington it would save lots of bother.

I am interested in the Sierra Club circular received this morning but regret to see two errors of statement in the note on the "proposed Palm Canyon National Monument". It is there stated that the three Canyons--Palm, Andreas, and Murray--near Palm Springs, contain the only Washington Palms in America in their natural homes. This of course is an error as there are many palms and

canyons on the opposite side of the desert in what are commonly known as the Chukawalla Mountains, though parts of the range have different local names.

The other misstatement is that "no use whatever is made by them [the Indians] of the canyons". This is quite contrary to fact as the local Indians visit the canyons for various purposes, particularly for the dates of the palms, which dates for thousands of years have formed one of the chief elements of their food, corresponding to the use of the acorn farther north.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 13,1923

Mr. Charles Granville Minifie
1590 Sacramento Street
San Francisco,California

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of March 7th just received. I note your remark about the fact that the long word Washington is printed in full by the cancelling stamp on the envelope you enclosed, but I think you failed to recognize the fact that this is not the state of Washington but the city,and therefore corresponds to the name San Francisco. Hence if your recommendation were adopted by the Post Office it would be necessary for the cancelling stamp to carry the words San Francisco California 1923 with the month and date in the center. If you will print this out I think you will find that it could not be done without an unreasonable enlargement of the cancelling stamp.

But in ordinary use I am with you in the desire to see California spelled out.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

March 13,1923

Dr. W.Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Unfortunately there is no relief map of Kentucky. I have inquired at both the Geological Survey and the Land Office, neither of which has published any map of Kentucky. I then inquired of the Survey whether they had any quadrangles of the region about Paris. They replied that they had not and that the nearest sheet to Paris did not come nearer than Georgetown, so this seems to leave you in about the same condition that I am in as to the northwestern part of California.

The relief map of the United States will be sent you shortly.

I hope you made the proposed trip in Marin County with Harry Allen, and wish I could have been with you.

Elizabeth is just finishing her visit with Dorothy and the grandchildren and will be home in a few days. Meanwhile Zenaida and I are thankful that the present rains are not snow.

With love to you all from us both,

As ever yours,

March 14,1923

Hon. Charles H. Burke
Commissioner Indian Affairs
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Burke:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th instant in reply to my inquiry of the 9th as to the application of your recent order to the Hopi Snake Dance, my previous information having been derived solely from newspaper clippings.

The last paragraph of your letter, stating, "I doubt if the civilization we uphold can justify a moral sanction of this performance", raises the old question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" In view of the large number of radically different religions of the world, in view of the well known fact that the so-called Christian religion represents the belief of only a fraction of the world's population, and in view of fair play and freedom in the matter of religious beliefs, is it right for the adherents of any particular type of religion and of any particular code to try to force their particular beliefs down the throats of those who believe otherwise?

I have read with interest the copies you were good enough to enclose of your Message to Indians dated February 24, and supplement to circular 1665 dated February 14, the latter embodying the views of certain missionaries in the Sioux country. In regard to the latter I quite agree with you that items 2 and 3

C.H.B.--#2

are far too bigoted and drastic to be tolerated by a liberal self respecting Government.

Your message strikes me as in the main very good, though I do not concur in your statement that it is not right to handle poisonous snakes and that such things "should be put aside and forgotten". Nor do I like to see the implied threat at the bottom of the last paragraph. But your letter to me, aside from its reference to the Snake Dance and the use of the word superstitious before ceremonials, strikes me as admirable and agrees entirely with my own feeling in the matter and with my advice to Indians during the past 25 or 30 years.

While writing, you will pardon me if I allude again to a matter concerning which I wrote you about a year ago, namely the use of the word Digger in a tribal sense, as applied to one or more Indian tribes. You of course are aware that there is not and never has been any tribe of this name, which has been applied promiscuously for about 75 years to dozens of tribes in various parts of the West from Wyoming, Idaho, and Utah, to the Pacific Coast, and that it is not only meaningless but derogatory and obnoxious to the Indians themselves. Why therefore should the Government continue the use of a term which has in fact no excuse for existence and which the Indians regard as insulting? You of course do not need to be told that this is the sort of thing that creates or intensifies a feeling of hostility toward your bureau.

Very truly yours,

C. Hunt Lane

823

1919-16th Street
March 14,1923

Mr. Charles S. Sloan, Secretary
U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sloan:

Herewith I am enclosing for your files Charles Granville Minifie's letters concerning the use of the word California written in full, and my replies of February 27 and March 13.

I am still holding the correspondence concerning names in the High Sierra submitted by Versteeg.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15,1923

Miss Inez Hobgood
Goshen Street
Oxford, N.C.

My dear Miss Hobgood:

Replying to your letter of the 12th instant I regret to say that I have never published any booklet or other publication on the Birds of Alaska.

A book on this subject, by E. W. Nelson, was issued by the Audubon Society a few years ago. Whether or not it is still available I do not know, but this could be ascertained by addressing the President, Mr. T.Gilbert Pearson, 1974 Broadway, New York City.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15,1923

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Very many thanks for the bound volumes of the National Geographic Magazine for the year 1922 which you have just sent me with the compliments of the Society, and which, as in previous years, I shall be very glad to take to my summer home at Lagunitas, California, where they will afford information and entertainment to many people.

Trusting that your recent trip to Bermuda did you much good, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

1919-16th Street
March 15,1923

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor,President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Grosvenor:

Herewith I hand you the minutes of the Annual Meeting held yesterday in Hubbard Memorial Hall.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam
Secretary

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

ANNUAL MEETING

Hubbard Memorial Hall, March 14,1923, 4:30 PM

Meeting called to order by President Grosvenor

In the absence of the Secretary (Mr. Austin) the President appointed Dr. Merriam Secretary pro tem.

Present: Mr. C.J.Bell, Dr. F.V.Coville, Mr. John Joy Edson, Prof. J.Howard Gore, Gen. A.W.Greely, Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, Col. Lester Jones, Dr. C.Hart Merriam, Mr. George R. Putnam, Dr. George Otis Smith, Chief Justice Taft, Dr. O.H.Tittman.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read and approved.

The President stated that the present membership of the Society (including subscribers) numbered 777,247.

The reports of officers being in order, the Treasurer, John Joy Edson, presented his report, which was accepted and placed on file.

The report of the Editor was presented by Dr. Grosvenor.

General Greely spoke of the importance of exploration and research work not only for its own sake but in order to maintain the reputation of the Society for carrying on work of this character.

The President stated that there were at present three expeditions in the field, one under F.R.Wulsin in Kweichow and other parts of China, one under Professor Joseph F.Rock in unexplored mountains of Yunnan, southwestern China, one under Dr. Neil M. Judd in Chaco Canyon, New Mexico.

The President presented bound copies just from the press of a 23 year Index to the Magazine, entitled 'Cumulative Index to the National Geographic Magazine 1899 to 1922 inclusive'.

Election of officers being in order, on motion of C.J.Bell, seconded by Chief Justice Taft, the present officers were unanimously reelected.

Professor Gore, Chairman of the Committee on the Cantigny Memorial, stated that the engineer in charge had reported that the water works, including six hydrants in different parts of the village, were in process of construction and would be completed in May, and that the Memorial Fountain also was in process of erection.

An illustration of the Memorial Fountain was exhibited, bearing the following inscription:

> Here at Cantigny on May 28,1918, the American forces won their first victory in the World War. To them and to their heroic Allies, the National Geographic Society of North America dedicates this Memorial Fountain.

At 5:15 the meeting adjourned.

C. Hart Merriam

Secretary pro tem.

March 19, 1923

Postmaster
Saskatoon
Saskatchewan, Canada

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly tell me whether or not there is any truth in the newspaper report that a trapper, named Carl Lynn, in your region was killed by wolves near Cree Lake.

Very truly yours,

March 24,1923

Mr. John Greany, Service Manager
American Motors Corporation
Plainfield, New Jersey

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th instant inquiring about the performance of my car since it was tuned up by your Mr. Bryant.

Mr. Bryant was very kind and helpful and did a lot of work on the car, particularly in ascertaining the cause and attempting to remedy the roar which the car has always made when striking an uneven place in the road. He located it between the gas tank and its cover or guard. There are, as you know, two heavy iron plates, one on each side, which support this guard. By some error the hinder edge of these plates rub against the tank to such an extent that they have already worn down and indented the points of contact, implying that they will eventually wear through and ruin the tank. Mr. Bryant will tell you how he tried to remedy this by adjusting heavy pieces of canvas between the points of contact, but it was very difficult if not impossible to keep these in place. When running the car immediately afterward I thought the trouble had been cured, but in a few days it returned and now the roar is the same as before, from which I infer that the pieces of canvas have slipped out of place. This is very distressing and I shall be obliged if you will kindly tell me how it may be remedied.

J. G.-----#2

There was another trouble, with the oil feed. The gauge registered only between 2 and 3 at 20 miles when the engine was warm. Mr. Bryant and I both thought the oil I was using, Mobile Arctic, was too thin, so we got a can of Mobile A and made the change. Since then it has been doing better, the gauge registering about 4 or between 3 and 4 when running 20. Is this enough, or does it indicate some partial impediment in the oil line?

I have not yet tested the mileage per gallon, but will try to do so in the near future and let you know the result.

I was disappointed not to see Mr. Bryant again before he left the city.

When you succeed in establishing an agency or service station in this city I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly let me know as early as possible.

Very truly yours,

March 24,1923

Mrs. Thekla M. Chenot
2051 Olive Avenue
Long Beach, California

Your letter of the 14th instant is at hand, asking for "Bulletin #4 on The North American Fauna". I think you have confused two different publications. North American Fauna No.4 is a technical paper on the little striped Skunks and other small mammals.

But there is a Bulletin No.4 treating of the Prairie Ground Squirrels or Spermophiles of the Mississippi Valley, by Vernon Bailey, published 30 years ago and long since out of print. I regret therefore that I cannot send you a copy.

Requests for publications of the Biological Survey should be addressed to Dr. E.W.Nelson, Chief, Biological Survey, Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

March 24,1923

Dr. George R. Hill,Jr.
Utah Agricultural College
Logan, Utah

Dear Doctor Hill:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th instant and for the trouble you have taken in shipping the Grizzly skull. It arrived yesterday and I am very glad to have it although, as you know, it is very badly damaged. This however is no fault of yours or of the Boy Scouts who were good enough to make the long trip for its recovery.

A check for $25.00, made out to the Logan Troop No. 5,Boy Scouts of America, as you direct, will be forwarded to you about the 3rd or 4th of April.

Thanking you for your kind offices in the matter, without which I could never have seen this specimen,

Very truly yours,

March 24,1923

Dr.Gilbert Grosvenor
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Grosvenor:

Replying to your letter of the 20th instant would say that I am very glad to know that you are collecting biographical material relating to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, one of the ablest and best men of our generation.

It goes without saying that I shall be only too glad to help in any way I can, but I must admit that I am very poor in remembering stories, incidents,and anecdotes. I have been repeatedly urged to furnish this sort of material in the case of G.K.Gilbert, who lived in our house as a member of the family for 19 years. It was humiliating to find how little I could remember of the kind of material desired. However I will think about it and will look over any notes I may have concerning the Wednesday evenings I was privileged to enjoy at his home.

George Kennan, if his health would permit, strikes me as the man of all men to write Dr. Bell's biography. He certainly did a splendid piece of work in the case of the Harriman biography.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 25, 1923

Mr Charles S. Sloane
U.S Geographic Board

Dear Mr Sloane:

In the course of the weekly clean-up of my overloaded desk I have just discovered your letter of the 19th instant, enclosing one from Ellsworth Bethel asking whether the name of a certain river in Colorado should be written Cuchara or Cucharas. Please pardon the oversight.

As stated by Mr Bethel, the case seems to be one requiring knowledge as to whether the name was given to commemorate a single SPOON or several SPOONS--and for my part I do'nt see how we are to find out. Both forms(Cuchara and Cucharas) are correct.

In looking the word up in the Spanish dictionary I find a secondary meaning I had not seen before, namely, "Ladle-boards of a water wheel in an overshot mill", but doubt if this has anything to do with the case--which seems to be one of the kind in which "you pays your money and you takes your choice".

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Your card and mr Bethel8s letter are enclosed.

March 26,1923

Kaenel & Becker
San Rafael, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

I expect to reach California about ten days after this letter reaches you and shall be obliged if you will put my car in shapefor the road.

I think you had better grind the valves and clean out the carbon,and also drain and refill the crank case with Monogram Medium.

Please look over the car and attend to anything that needs attention.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

P.S.--It would probably be well to put fresh grease in the wheel hubs and to clean out and refill the transmission and differential with 600 W.

March 27,1923

Motor Vehicle Dept.
Sacramento, California

Dear Sirs:

I wish to obtain the 1923 license plates for my Chevrolet FB 50 1920 Touring Car, which is in storage (and has been since October last) at the Chevrolet Agency of Kaenel & Becker at San Rafael.

The description of the car is as follows:

Car #3496
Engine #D-63532
Registered H.P.22
Bore 3-11/16
1922 License #359151

I expect to reach California about the middle of April.and shall be obliged if you will let me know as early as possible what the license fee will be for the remainder of the current year.

My operator's license is #445645, dated June 22,1920.

Yours very truly,

C Hart Merriam

March 27,1923

Mr. R.A.Whall,Manager
Metropolitan Air Goods Co.
Athol, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 24th instant just received with sample of material, which looks good to me.

Unfortunately I cannot find the catalog describing your tents which you sent me some time ago, for which reason I am in doubt as to the type of tent you have in mind. If you will kindly send me one of your catalogs by return mail I shall be greatly obliged.

In your letter just received you refer to #2 as "Umbrella Tent", but the photographs submitted with your letter of November 29 show a half-wall-tent with side and top flaps. I want to be sure of the kind of tent before ordering.

The time element is important just now as I expect to leave for California early in April. However, if we can decide on the tent before I go, you can ship it to my summer home at Lagunitas as soon as ready.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 27,1923

Mr. John Mailliard
203 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Mailliard:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th instant just received.

I am glad to know that the Academy is paying off $10,000 a year on your loan even if it cramps some of the present activities. It is good business.

And it is interesting also to know that the Aquarium is now nearing completion and that you will be able to unload upon it some of the salaries. I have no doubt that the Aquarium will add materially to public interest in the Academy's affairs.

We are expecting to return to California by the middle of April in the hope of completing a lot of field work I was unable to finish last season.

With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 28,1923

Mr. Frank Bond, Chief Clerk
General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bond:

In connection with my work in the neighborhood of Round, Willits, and Long Valleys I should like to purchase as many of the detailed Land Office plats as may be available in Townships 18 North to 25 North, inclusive, Ranges 9 to 16 West, inclusive.

If you can have these sent me with bill I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 29,1923

Mr. E. A. Preble
Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Preble:

Replying to yours of the 28th instant in regard to a shipment from Seattle on June 24, 1918, would say that so far as I am aware I have never heard of John McCrary nor do I remember that anyone of this name was ever connected with the Survey.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 29,1923

Dr. Frank M. Chapman
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

My dear Chapman:

The receipt this morning of your paper entitled Distribution of the Motmots of the Genus Momotus impels me to drop work and send you a note of congratulation and appreciation.

It certainly gives a systematic naturalist a thrill of joy to receive from a fellow worker a paper on a little known group from a little known region in which, in addition to the technical descriptions, comparisons, and miscellaneous remarks, one finds maps showing the known and in some cases the probable distributions of the various species, and at the beginning and end of the paper finds a summary of the important facts and generalizations concerning the group and its origin and subsequent extensions.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Hope you had a glorious time in Florida. That you were able to do another job of work, and that both you and Mrs C are well and happy. Wish you could come for a visit. We expect to be at Lagunitas by or before April 10.

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Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Hope you had a glorious time in Florida and that you were able to do another job of work, and best luck you and Mrs C. are well and happy. When you could come to Virginia. We expect to set off for Loquitos by or before April 10.

Retake of Preceding Frame

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Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Hope you had a glorious time in Florida and that you were able to do another job of work, and that both you and Mrs A are well and happy. When you and come join the Lopez. We expect to start for Lagunitas by or before April 10. CHM

Retake of Preceding Frame

March 30,1923

Mr. Charles G. Minifie
1590 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Minifie:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me recently several interesting publications. I am particularly glad to see the pamphlet California Where Life is Better, a publication brim full of information,and one I had not before heard of.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 30,1923

Dr. J. McK. Cattell
Garrison on Hudson, N.Y.

Dear Profess ttell:

Herewith I am enclosing a brief note on the misuse of the word creation, for publication in Science, provided you deem it of sufficient interest.

Very truly yours,
C. [illegible]

MISUSE OF THE WORD 'CREATION' BY NATURALISTS

The word creation is sometimes u[illegible] by naturalists in a sense that is not only inaccurate but which even from the standpoint of the author's [illegible]f, is actually misleading. I refer to its application to the mode of origin of animals or plants in a state of nature.

Such use of the word is objectionable for two reasons: (1) It implies a sudden coming into existence, ignoring ancestry; (2) It implies the act of a superior power, for how can there be a creation without a c[illegible]?

The proper meaning of the word as defined by leading lexicographers would seem to be free from ambi- Webster's definition is, "To bring into being; to caus[illegible] to exist, said especially of the divine f[illegible] by which the world is regarded as brought into being out of nothing". Similarly, the Century Dictionary definition is, "To bring into being;

cause to exist; specifically to produce without the prior existence of the material used, or of other things like the thing produced; produce out of nothing." Both authorities take their first example from the Bible:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." In reference to the origin of living organisms, does it not go without saying that the words creation and development (or evolution) convey diametrically opposite meanings — the one implying a sudden origin independent of ancestry; the other a gradual development from an antecedent form? Then why should one use creation when he means development or evolution?

In connection with the phantom of creation it may not be amiss to mention that the Mosaic conception of the origin of man as a definite act of a creator finds a close parallel in the beliefs of certain of our North American Indians. Thus, a California tribe holds that man was created by three deities — the Coyote, the Bear

and the Lizard. Coyote wanted man to be fashioned after himself; Lizard objected, insisting that man should have five fingers like himself, so that he could take hold of things; while Bear maintained that man should have large flat hind feet in order that he might stand erect. So they compromised, Bear giving man his hind feet, Lizard his five fingers, Coyote his mental alertness.

This, like the Mosaic conception, pictures man as the result of a definite and deliberate act of creation. The circumstance that the Mosaic belief is monotheistic, the Indian belief polytheistic, is of no consequence from the standpoint of man's origin, both agreeing that he was created out of raw materials by a pre-existing deity or deities.

- C. Hart Merriam

March 31,1923

Mr. I. P.Berthrong
General Land Office
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Berthrong:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in sending the Land Office plats asked for of the Round Valley and Upper Russian River Region. I am looking them over and in a few days will return those not needed.

I am particularly obliged to you for the blue prints of the Round Valley Relinquishments.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman Geographic Board.

April 2, 1923

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I enclose my expense account for the month of March, amounting to $25.21; and also vouchers for Zenaida Merriam, asst. $19.25; Madeline E. Pierson, stenographer, $130; and Logan[Utah] Troop 5,Boy Scouts of Am., Grizzly skull $25, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C,

1923	EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR MARCH 1923		Sub-voucher		
Mch.13	Edward Denny, Map of Mendocino Co., Calif.		1		50
14	Underwood Typewriter Co., Coupon Book		2	5	00
15	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau Clippings on Indians,Bears,and Mountain Lions		3	3	00
26	American Anthropologist for 1923			5	00
28	Canadian Forestry Magazine for 1923			2	00
30	Electric current Feb.19-Mch.20,$8.80	(1/3)	4	2	93
	Postage and envelopes			2	78
	Cleaning office rooms, month of March			4	00
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C. Hart Merriam

April 4, 1923

Mr R. A. Whall, Mgr.
Metrop. Air Goods Co.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of March 30, with samples of light weight material used in your umbrella tents. These we like very much, particularly the thinner one, and the dark brown color is excellent.

But the size you mention--10 x 10-- is too big for our use in rough mountain country, and the spreader arms would be too long for convenient packing. On the other hand the 7 x 7 is a little too small to accomodate 3 persons comfortably. Can you not make this tent in 8 x 8 or 8½ x 8½ ? Either of these sizes would give enuf room and at the same time would not be cumberson to handle. Shall be glad to hear from you as to this as early as convenient.

I had expected to go to California this week, but find that I will have to be here another week.

Very truly yours,

April 8, 1923

Mr R.A.Whall, Mgr
Metropolitan Air Goods Co.
Athol, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your promptness in replying to my letter of the 4th instant.

I accept your offer to make me an umbrella tent of the light weight brown goods of which you submitted a sample, size at base 8 x 8 or 8½ x 8½, without ground cloth, FOB Athol for $45 less 20% discount, making $36 net, for which amount my check is herewith enclosed. If this is correct kindly send receipt to my Washington address, as I shall not leave till the end of the week.

Please send the tent by express charges collect, addressed to me at San Rafael, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Fenton

April 8, 1923

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Athol, Massachusetts

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Please send the tent by express charges collect, addressed to me at San Rafael, Marin County, California.

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

I think you will find the necessary directions + diagram in it.

If you have any kind of an awning for sale, please quote

Retake of Preceding Frame

April 8, 1923

Dr Wm F. Bade
Editor Sierra Club Bulletin
2616 College Avenue, Berkeley

Dear Doctor Bade:

When Mr Francis Farquhar of San Francisco called here a couple of months ago I mentioned that I had written an article on Jedediah Smith's route from Salt Lake to California. He suggested that it might be available for the Sierra Club Bulletin, but I thought not, as it related only to the trip to California.

Since then however I have been working on his route north in California, and particularly on his crossing of the Sierra. The result is the enclosed article, which, if you deem it appropriate, I shall be glad to have you publish in the Sierra Bulletin.

Kindly address reply to me at Lagunitas, where I expect to arrive about April 20.

With best regards to Mrs Bade and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

FIRST CROSSING OF THE SIERRA NEVADA: JEDEDIAH SMITH'S TRIP FROM CALIFORNIA TO SALT LAKE IN 1827

By C. Hart Merriam

The first white man known to have crossed the Sierra Nevada was the indomitable fur hunter, Jedediah Smith, in the spring of 1827 who succeeded in breaking through the snowy barrier that covered the more elevated parts of the range.

Before his time, and to a limited extent since, Indians of several tribes were in the habit of crossing the summit from one side to the other, chiefly for purposes of hunting or trading; and in the very long ago, colonies of Monache from Owens Valley pressed through the lofty passes and established themselves in some of the mountain valleys of the west slope, where they have developed dialectic differences and have taken on independent tribal names. Such are the Nim of North Fork Joaquin, the Holkoma of the Pine Ridge and Sycamore Creek region

(a little north of Kings River), the Emtimbitch of upper Mill Creek near Dunlap, the Wuksache of Eshom Valley, and the Padoosha of Kaweah River in the neighborhood of Three Rivers.

Farther north, in the middle Sierra region, the Mono Lake Koo-tsa-be dik-kah (a branch of the Northern Piute) have long made a practice of climbing Bloody Canyon and Mono Pass in order to visit Tuolumne Meadows for hunting and fishing, and not infrequently descended the west slope as far as Yosemite Valley to obtain acorns and to trade with the Muwa Indians of that region, while contrawise, the Yosemite Indians sometimes visited Mono Lake. Still farther north, the Wahshoo of Antelope, Carson, and Long Valleys were in the habit of visiting the headwaters of streams that flow westerly to the Great Valley of California, and the northern Midoo of

the west side sometimes visited the east slope in the Honey Lake region and elsewhere.

The Spaniards and Mexicans, who had entered California from the south and held possession during the early part of the last century, played terrible havoc with the Indians of the lowlands but apparently had no appetite for high places and are not known to have ventured into the deep fastnesses of the lofty Sierra.

Hence, when in the early part of 1827 Jedediah Smith, who had come into California by way of the Mohave Desert, wished to cross over the mountains from the San Joaquin Valley in order to join his partners near Great Salt Lake, he apparently had no information as to the impenetrability of the range at that season of the year. It is not surprising therefore that in his first attempt to force a passage, which seems to have been in the month of February, he lost

5 horses in the deep snows and was forced to return. He then worked northward along the west flank of the Sierra (which he named Mount Joseph) and during the latter part of May succeeded in crossing, and 20 days later reached the southwestern corner of Salt Lake.

After joining his partners and before setting out on his return to California, he wrote an important letter to General William Clark, then Superintendent of Indian Affairs but previously the associate of Meriwether Lewis on the famous Lewis and Clark Expedition to the northwest coast in 1804 and 1806. This letter, which has become of great historic value, was dated "Little Lake of Bear River, July 12th, 1827". In it he tells of his route over the unexplored deserts between Salt Lake and Southern California, and also,

though much too briefly, of his efforts to cross the Sierra.

The letter, particularly the latter part, was hurried by the departure of the party that carried it to St. Louis, for at the end he says: "The company are now starting; therefore must close this communication."

This probably accounts for his failure to mention that the two attempts to cross the snowclad Sierra were separated in time by an interval of apparently about three months, during which he had moved his party northward from Kings River to American River -- a distance of nearly 200 miles, and at least 300 as the party would naturally travel.

That these two attempts were made along widely separated routes appears to have been overlooked by authors and therefore requires support. That the

first attempt was made on Kings River seems also to have escaped notice, though proved by his own statement, for he says: "On my arrival at a River which I named the Wim-mel-che (named after a Tribe of Indians who reside on it of that name) I found a few Beaver. & Elk, Deer and Antelope in abundance. I here made a small hunt, and attempted to take my party across the [mountains] which I before mentioned, & which I called Mount Joseph, to come on and join my partners at the Great Salt Lake. - I found the snow so deepon Mount Joseph that I could not cross my horses, five of which starved to death. I was compelled therefore to return to the Valley which I had left. And there leaving my party, I started with two men . . . on the 20th of May & succeeded in crossing it in 8 days."

The Wim-mel-che Indians lived on Kings River -- not north of it to the Stanislaus, as interpreted by Dale[1]. So there would seem to be no room for question that his first endeavor to cross the mountains was made in the immediate neighborhood of Kings River. No wonder that he did not succeed, as the passes in this part of the high Sierra are not open before midsummer.

The next point of importance relates to the evidence that between his first and second attempts he had moved far to the northward along the western foothills of the Sierra -- a distance of nearly 200 miles. Fortunately the evidence of this is ample,

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[1] Dale states that the Wimilche Indians formerly lived north of Kings River and adds, "The stream which Smith reached and which he named from the tribe dwelling on it, I take to be the Stanislaus." — Dale, The Ashley-Smith Explorations, pp. 191-192 footnote, 1918.
In this Dale was clearly in error. The Wimilche Indians lived on Kings River, not in the Stanislaus region, which in an air line is about 100 miles north of the northern limit of their territory.

consisting of both maps and printed records that are not open to question.

Gallatin's 'Map of the Indian Tribes of North America' published in 1836 has a dotted line, labeled "J. B. Smith's route 1827", crossing the Sierra in the American River region; and the same is true, except that the lettering is omitted, in the revised edition of 1848; and Wilkes' Map of 'Upper California', 1841, has a line captioned 'Smith's Track', starting from the east base of the Sierra in the Lake Tahoe region and crossing the deserts to Salt Lake -- the three agreeing essentially in the location of the route, as would be expected from the well known fact that both Gallatin and Wilkes had been given the benefit of Smith's explorations.

Turning now from the evidence of maps to other

evidence, it appears that Smith on May 19, 1827 -- the day before setting out to cross the Sierra -- sent a letter to Padre Duran[1] at Mission San José -- implying that he was at no very great distance. [Mission San José is in an air line only 90 miles from Smith's camp on American River.] Had he been in the Kings River region, he would naturally have written to one of the more southern missions.

Albert Gallatin in his 'Synopsis of the Indian Tribes' published in 1836 in volume 2 of the Transactions of the American Antiquarian Society, states that he had received from General Ashley (Jedediah Smith's senior partner) "a manuscript map, accompanied with numerous explanatory notes, the materials for which consist of various journeys and explorations by some of our enterprising traders and

[1] Smith's letter to Padre Duran was published by Edmund Randolph in his 'Address on the History of California', pp. 54-55, 1860; and by Dale in his 'Ashley-Smith Explorations', p. 232, 1918.

hunters" (p. 140). On the next page he states that the discoveries south and west of Great Salt Lake [which he calls 'Lake Timpanogo'] belong principally to J. S. Smith. Continuing, he writes: "J. S. Smith descended the Rio Colorado of California, in the year1826, as far south as the thirty-fifth degree of north latitude. Proceeding thence westwardly, he reached the Spanish Missions of San Pedro and San Diego near the Pacific. The ensuing year, he visited Monterey and St. Francisco; ascended the river Buenaventura some distance, and recrossed the Californian chain of mountains, called there Mount Joseph, in about the thirty-ninth degree of latitude. He thence proceeded north of west [obvious error for east], and reached the southwestern extremity of Lake Timpanogo. The eastern foot of the Californian chain, where he recrossed it, is about one hundred and eighty

miles from the Pacific.

This information, from the highest authority, and based on Smith's own record as transmitted by his partner, General Ashley, should of itself suffice to settle the general location of the route. But it seems to have been overlooked by most of the authors who have written on Smith.[2]

Dale read it, but was curiously confused, failing to see that Gallatin's use of the expression "north of west" was a slip of the pen for'north of east', and accusing him of inaccuracy both in his map and his description of the route, whereas, excepting for this very common slip, Gallatin's description is correct. Dale's weakness in the local geography of the region

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[2] Thus in attempting to locate his crossing of the Sierra, Chittenden puts him"in the vicinity of the headwaters of the San Joaquin and Merced" (Am. Fur Trade of the Far West, Vol. I, p. 284, 1902); Richman on the Moquelumne (California under Spain and Mexico, map, 1911); Dale on the Stanislaus (The Ashley-Smith Explorations, p. 192, 1918).

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is further shown by his misidentification of the non-mythical part of the Buenaventura River as American Fork instead of Sacramento River (p. 193 footnote).

But this by no means concludes the evidence, for an article in the San Francisco Times of June 14, 1867, written to correct certain current errors as to Smith's movements, states that on his return trip to Salt Lake in 1827 he left his party on American Fork[4].

Furthermore, we have the authority of J. M. Guinn for the positive statement that Smith, before returning to Salt Lake, had established camp near the place now known as Folsom[5], which is on the south bank of American River in the edge of the foothills about 20 miles northeast of Sacramento. This was corroborated,

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[4] Bancroft, Hist. Calif., Vol. 3, p. 153 (footnote), 1886.

[5] Guinn, J. M.-- Hist. Soc. So. Calif., Vol. 3, Pt. 4, p. 48, 1896.

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so far as American River is concerned, by J. J. Warner in his 'Reminiscences of Early California'[6].

It seems fair to assume that Guinn would not have been so specific in locating Smith's camp at Folsom had he not possessed authoritative information on this point.

In view of the evidence here assembled it may be accepted as an established fact that Smith crossed the Sierra in the neighborhood of American River. But whether he chose the north or the south side is not of record. However, since an explorer of Smith's experience would not have made his second attempt without a preliminary examination of the country, and since the route on the north is far less difficult than that on the south and is the one

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[6] Warner, J. J. — Reminiscences of Early California, Hist. Soc. So. Calif., Vol. 7, p. 181, 1906.

since chosen, not only by the railroad, but also by the State and Lincoln highways, I infer that he laid his course along the ridge between American River and the Yuba.

Note.- Smith's letter to General William Clark from which the quotations in the present article are taken, is preserved in the archives of the Office of Indian Affairs at Washington, to which office, through the courtesy of Mr. C. T. Hauke, Chief Clerk, I am indebted for a very perfect photostat copy. It is written in a remarkably clear hand and is dated "Little Lake of Bear River, July 12th, 1827" -- thus antedating by 5 days the copy published by Dale in 'The Ashley-Smith Explorations' (pp. 186-194, 1918). I have not seen the original of the copy published by Dale, nor the Missouri Republican of October 11, 1827, in which it was first printed, but Dale's reprint differs in numerous small details from the original in the Indian Office.

April 8, 1923

Dr John R. Swanton
Editor AM. Anthropologist
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Swanton:

Herewith I am handing you a brief note on the term Non-gah^{hl} for publication in the Anthropologist, if you deem it of sufficient interest.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I am expecting to leave for California within a week, to be gone till fall; hence please send proof addressed to me at Lagunitas, Marin County, Calif.

APPLICATION OF THE ATHAPASKAN TERM NUNG-KAHHL

The term Nung-kah^{hl} was introduced into the literature of ethnology by Stephen Powers in 1877, under the spelling Noan-kakhl[1]. It was said to be the 'Wailakke' name for the 'Saiaz' tribe. My impression is that in this instance Powers' use of 'Wailakki' was a slip of the pen for 'Wiyot' ; members of which tribe have repeatedly given me the word Si-az as their name for a Wilakke tribe (or tribes) in the Middle Eel River region. Be this as it may, Powers himself placed the 'Saiaz'[2] among the Wilakke tribes, and there is no question as to the fact that southern Athapaskans were meant.

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[1] Tribes of California, p. 124, 1877.

[2] The term Siaz (variously rendered as Saiaz, Siaz, Siah Siaw, Sian, and Siar) should be eliminated from the nomenclature of ethnology. It is a term loosely used by several tribes of lower Eel River, region, Humboldt Bay, Redwood Creek, and Lower Trinity regions, to indicate distant and little known people, and usually refers to Athapaskan tribes on the middle part of Eel River and the upper part of Van Duzen River.

Thirty-six years after the publication of the term by Powers it was revived, under the spelling Nongatl[3], by Dr. Pliny E. Goddard, who applied it specifically to an Athapaskan tribe of the lower Van Duzen River region, particularly from the neighborhood of Bridgeville northerly to South and Middle Yager Creeks. Goddard understood his informant to give it as the name of a northern division of the tribe then commonly called 'Lassik'.

In the course of my field work among the southern Athapaskan tribes of California I have made particular inquiries about this word, and in several cases have had it given me without inquiry on my part. It proves to be a general or blanket name used by themselves for all the southern Athapaskan tribes, from Iaqua

[3] Am. Anthropologist, Vol. 15, No. 4, p. 703, Oct.-Dec. 1913. Also, Goddard quoted by Lloud, Pubs. Am. Arch. & Ethn. vol. 14, 255-256, 1918.

and Yager Creek on the north to the northern border of Round Valley on the south, thus including the Athapaskan Wilakke[4].

Obviously therefore, instead of being restricted to a particular tribe or division, it is a supertribal name. The southern Athapaskans say it is the name of their 'Nation' -- covering all their tribes between Round Valley and Iaqua. But they do not include the Kahto of Long and Cahto valleys on the west, or the Hoopah and Hwilkut tribes on the north.

March 1918)

[4] The term Wilakke, regardless of spellings, is another ethnologic misfortune. In the northern Sacramento valley region it is applied by the Nōm-lak-ke and other Wintoon tribes to the northern Wintoon of Sacramento Canyon and McCloud River, while in Round Valley and on the middle part of Eel River and the upper parts of the Van Duzen and Mad Rivers it is applied by Whites and Indians alike to southern Athapaskan tribes. How a word of Wintoon origin (meaning "northern talkers") came to be fastened to tribes of another stock lying wholly west of Wintoon territory is not apparent.

April 12th, 1923.

Mr. A. H. Twitchell,
Flat, Alaska.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 20th reached me only a couple of days ago, which is not strange in view of the difficulty in the way of getting mail through from northern Alaska in winter.

It was evident from what you say that you had sent some bear skulls which I had not seen. I therefore went to the Museum this morning and examined all of the skulls received from you since January 1922. I find that the three skulls sent in March 1922 were the ones paid for by check of $15.00 the first week of March last. This check and my letter of about the same date had of course not reached you at the time you wrote.

Another batch which I had not seen until today consists of one skull from Mam[illegible] Village and a she skull from Dis[illegible] River. For these I am sending in a voucher for $18.00, a check for which will be sent you about the end of the month. This latter batch reached the Biological Survey on January 12th but they forgot to notify me of the fact, so I had not seen them.

Of the first batch (for which $15.00 was sent you early in March) the two male skulls , both of which are young-adults, both were rather seriously injured, one having the occipital condyles chopped off, the other having the Zygomatic Arches (cheek bones) broken off or gnawed off, these injuries making the skulls much less valuable.

I am still purchasing grizzly skulls, though owing to the depletion of my fund I am not able to pay so much for them as formerly.

Regretting the delay and thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. H. T[illegible]

April 12, 1923

Mr. I. P. Berthrong
Chief Drafting Division
General Land Office

My dear Mr. Berthrong:

I have just completed the examination of the 80 Land Office plats you were kind enough to send me in accordance with my request, and am returning 54 of them herewith. The remaining 26 I am retaining, as they will be needed in connection with the work of the U. S. Geographic Board in regard to the nomenclature of streams in northwestern California, particularly those tributary to the various branches of Eel River.

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours

C. H. T[illegible]

Chairman U. S. Geographic Board

April 12th, 1923.

Mrs. D. E. F. Easton, Sec'y-Mgr.,
The Mountain Play,
1058 Phelan Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mrs. Easton:

Your letter dated April 1st and addressed to Prof. John C. Merriam reached me a day or two ago. I do not wonder that you have the Merriams a little mixed. Prof. John C. Merriam is President of the Carnegie Institution of Washington; C. Hart Merriam is the one connected with the Smithsonian Institution who has been engaged for many years in the study of California Indians and their languages.

I am now packing to return to my California home at Lagunitas and therefore am pressed for time.

You ask as to the derivation of the name "Tamalpais". It is the Indian name for the mountain. The Indians of this region belong to the Hoo'-ko-e'-ko Tribe. They call their country Tamál, and their name for mountain is Pi'-is. Their name for this particular mountain is Tam'-mal-pi'-is, which means simply their own mountain or the mountain of their country. The correct pronunciation is as accented above. The common statement that the name is of Spanish origin is utter nonsense.

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No Indians every lived on the mountain, although they had villages on several sides. In 'Out of Doors' for April 1916 I published by request a brief article entitled 'Indian Names in the Tamalpais Region'.

In 1910 I published a book entitled, 'Dawn of the World: Myths and Weird Tales told by Mewan Indians of California'. This book consists wholly of myths of the Mewan stock, the stock to which the tribe in question belongs. Tales of the Bodega Bay Indians are given on pages 153 to 160, and of the Tomales Bay Indians on pages 198 to 205, 215-217, 224, 227-228, 232-235. The latter include 'The Sun Woman of Tomales Bay', 'How Coyote-Man Discovered his Wife', and the 'Rock Giant of Tamalpais" - all obtained from the Hoo'-ko-e'-ko of Tomales Bay, Nicasio and San Rafael.

Should you desire additional information about the early Indians of the Tamalpais region, I shall be glad to reply so far as I may be able if you will address me at Lagunitas, which will be my headquarters during the next six months.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

April 13th, 1923.

Mrs. Fredrick H. Colburn, President,
Mt. Lassen Geographic Research Society,
757 Sutter Street,
San Fracisco, California.

My dear Mrs. Colburn:

Your letter of April 4th addressed to me at Lagunitas has just arrived. I am now packing to return to Lagunitas, which will be my headquarters for the next six months.

I am glad to learn of your activity in your efforts to secure national geographic names for features in the Mt. Lassen region, but please do not submit to the Government Geographic Board the names of persons still living with the expectation that they will be approved. Speaking personally, not as Chairman of the Board, I would like to see the name of "Diller" attached to some prominent feature of the Lassen region; in fact, twenty five years ago I named a canyon on Mt. Shasta in his honor.

The Indian name of the mountain, "Yermani", is that used by one of the tribes about the mountain, namely, the Nó-to-koí-yo or Northeastern Mídoo. These people give the name as Yah-mahn-ne and also in the form Yah-mahn-nin, this being their word for any mountain.

The Ah-cho-mah-we and Mo-desse Tribes on Pit River call any mountain Ah-ko, and Mt. Lassen Yet-te-chă-nah. The Ah-tsoo-kă-e Tribe of Hat Creek call any mountain Ă-hă-o and Mt.

Page 2.

Lassen Per-rod-e-ke-nah. The Yah-nah Tribe on the west side of Lassen call any high mountain Pow-che-mo-nah and Pow-che-mo Che-kahl.

I shall be glad to consult with you when in San Francisco but shall have to decline the kind invitation of your Society to give me a luncheon as I shall be greatly pressed for time and must proceed at once to northern California on my arrival in the State.

With best wishes for the success of your undertaking.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1923.

Mr. Luther J. Goldman,
Boise, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Goldman:

Referring again to the matter of the lava beds grizzly, I want to ask you once more to use your best endeavor to obtain specimens, or at least a fully-adult male skull, during the present season.

I have not yet heard from you concerning the possibility of an error as to the sex of the skull you sent me sometime ago. It was labeled male but has the appearance of a female.

In your letter of January 20 you say that I now have two skulls from this region. This I do not understand as I do not remember having received any prior to the last one. I remember that you shipped one from the Mendota some years ago, which unhappily was lost in Chicago by the express company.

In defining species of bears it is necessary to have both sexes, particularly the old male, as it is the old male only that presents the characters of the species fully developed.

I am leaving for Lagunitas in a few days, so kindly address me there during the summer.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1923.

Mr. Newton B. Drury, Secretary,
Save the Redwoods League,
Library Building, University of California,
Berkeley, California.

My dear Mr. Drury:

Your letter of April 4, forwarded from Lagunitas, has just reached me.

I am pained to learn that the present owner of the Rust Redwood Grove is beginning to cut along the Eel River highway. This surely is bad news and goes to confirm the fear I have had all along that in the effort to save the Redwoods on South Fork the beautiful forest on the main Eel were being neglected.

I am now packing to return to Lagunitas for the summer and hope to see you in the near future.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1923.

Mr. C. S. Sloane, Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

This is merely to acknowledge receipt of the list of California names submitted by Dr. F. E. Mathes of the Geographic Survey and forwarded by you on April 9.

Many of the names I am well acquainted with at present. Some of the others I will look up during the summer.

Very truly yours,
C. H. Merriam

April 13, 1923.

Editor,
Washington Post,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing a reply to an article which appeared in last Sunday's Post under the title 'Citizens Urged to Aid Change of Mt. Ranier to Tacoma'.

Very truly yours,
C. H. Merriam

THE NAME OF MOUNT RAINIER

The Sunday Post of April 8 contains an Article by the Mount Tacoma Club of the State of Washington entitled 'Citizens urged to aid Change of Mount Rainier to Tacoma'.

This article, like numerous others of similar purport, is part of an aggressive propaganda in which the people of Tacoma have been actively engaged for some years, in the hope of changing the long established name of Mount Rainier, which during the past 33 years has been thrice reaffirmed by the Government Geographic Board.

The author begins by saying he would like to know where the Geographic Board derives its authority, and adds: "There is no authority granted to affix names to natural objects, or to say by what name any natural object should be called". This reads strangely in view of the Executive order of January 23,1906, signed by Theodore Roosevelt, which states: "It is hereby ordered that there be added to the duties of the United States Board on Geographic Names... the duty of determining, changing, and fixing place names within the United States and insular possessions".

To a person unacquainted with the facts, the article seems straightforward and convincing. But it omits several vital facts which in fair play should have been given, and makes several statements which are, to say the least, incorrect.

The article is a plea for the 'restoration' of what its author calls the "original and rightful name of the mountain". But as a matter of fact, this is exactly what the Tacoma people do not want. For the original and rightful names of Mount Rainier are, in the

languages of adjacent tribes, are Stiquak (written also Tiswauk), Tu-ah-ku, and Puskehouse. Does any one remember hearing any citizen of Tacoma pleading for the restoration of any of these strictly applicable Indian names? Or can any one recall an effort on the part of any of their inhabitants of Tacoma to restore "the original and rightful name" of Shu-bah-lup to their own city? No, what they want is that the name of their city, Tacoma-- a fair name but one far removed from the "original and rightful name of the mountain"-- shall be fixed upon the Mountain.

Now what are the facts as to the name Tacoma? In its various forms (Tah-ch-ho-mah, Ta-cho-ma, Tahch-ho-bet, Tah-ko-bed, Takob, Dacobed, and so on) it is well known to be a general or generic name meaning 'snow mountain' and applied by several related tribes of Indians to all high snow capped peaks from Mt. Baker near the British border south to Mount Hood in Oregon.

Some years ago the Hon. George Otis Smith, when investigating the western part of the international boundary between Canada and the United States, was given a photograph of an old boundary map, antedating most of the settlement, on which he was surprised to find the Indian name Ta-ho-ma on Mt. Baker. And since it is undeniable that the same name is used by Indians for Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier, and Mount Adams, how can any one claim it to be "the original and rightful name" of any particular mountain?

The good people of Tacoma seem sometimes to forget that they are not the chosen custodians of the grand old mountain but that

it belongs to all the people of the United States. At least this was the view of Congress when in March 1899 it established the Mount Rainier National Park, with Mount Rainier as its culminating glory.

The case has another aspect: Mount Rainier was named by Captain Vancouver more than 130 years ago, and for more than a hundred years has been engraved on every important map of western North America, and for the same period has appeared in the geographies, atlasses, histories and other documents relating to the Pacific Coast, whether published in the United States, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Holland, Spain, or even in far off Arabia. No geographic feature in any part of the world can claim a name more firmly fixed by right of discovery, by right of prority, by right of international useage, or by the conspicuous place it holds on the official charts of the civilized nations of the earth.

Can any one picture the chaos in geographic nomenclature that would result from changing the names of prominent landmarks of the world? And is it not a fair question, whether the citizens of any nation would deem it the duty of their Geographic Board to perpetuate or to overthrow the long established place names of their country?

April 13, 1923.

Mr. F. R. Wulsin,
c/o International Banking Corporation,
Peking, China.

My Dear Mr. Wulsin:

Your letter dated February 24 reached me about a week ago and I was mighty glad to hear from you.

You seem to have had your own troubles in getting your outfit and necessary equipment together.

You ask for suggestions. It is a little difficult for me to make suggestions of value, being a stranger to the country and not knowing exactly what information you secured from the Biological Survey. I assume, however, that some of the field collectors of the Survey showed you our standard collecting chest in the form of a small trunk full of trays for use in pack mule expeditions. I developed these chests some forty years ago and as now made they have been tried out in the Biological Survey for more than thirty-five years. The trays, of different depths from 1-1/2 to 3", serve for the safe transportation of skins of small mammals and birds.

Your mammals are likely to prove of special interest and I hope you will secure good series from the various localities in which you are likely to camp. As a rule small mammals are most abundant along the brushy or grassy borders of streams, but various species occur in all sorts of places and are greatly desired

from the desert areas.

I assume that you are equipped with the necessary small traps such as used by field men of the Biological Survey. Probably they told you what we have found to be the best baits, but in case this was overlooked I will mention that meat, particularly parts of birds with feathers attached, are wonderfully attractive to both carnivorous and insectivorous mammals and are greedily attacked also by many rodents. But for rodents in general — and rodents are by far the most numerous in most localities — we have found sunflower seeds, rolled oats, rice, and in some cases pork rind, very attractive.

Regretting that I cannot be of more assistance, and with kindest regards to Mrs. Wulsin and yourself,

Very truly yours,

from the desert areas.

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1923.

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President,
National Geographic Society,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in having photographic copies made of my map showing the route of Jedediah Smith from Salt Lake to southern California. Your photographer has done beautiful work - I never saw more perfect copies of any map.

If you will kindly have a memorandum bill sent me I will remit at once.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1923.

Mr. Harry S. Allen,
San Francisco, California.

My Dear Mr. Allen:

Thanks for your interesting letter about your new trail and other matters connected withyour region.

Your suggestion to change the name of Phoenix Lake to a native Indian name meaning 'Sleepy-water' is easy. The Hoo-koo-e-ko word for sleepy is A-sow-ah; the word for water Keek; the word for lake Po'-luk, so that the resulting name might be either A-sow'-ah Keek or A-sow'-ah Po'-luk.

But as to your 'masque' proposition, I lack all the requirements or imagination necessary to tackle such a question. You might, however, find suggestive material in the Myths and Tales of the Hoo'-koo-e'-ko Indians in my book entitled 'Dawn of the World'.

We are now packing for California and hope to reach Laguntas by or soon after the 20th.

With best wishes and kindest regards from us all to you, Mrs. Allen and the children,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1923.

Mrs. Kate Luckie,
Hayfork, California.

My Dear Mrs. Luckie:

Your letter written in January reached us allright and we were very glad to hear from you and to know that you received the scarf we sent for Xmas. We were glad to know also that you were able to spend Xmas with your daughter and her family.

We have had a rather mild winter for Washington, with much less snow than we had last year.

We are now packing to go to our summer home at Lagunitas, California, which we expect to make our headquarters during the next six months. We shall make several trips to the north and hope to call on you again.

With kindest regards to you all from Mrs. Merriam, my daughter, Zenaida, and myself, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1923.

Hon. J. Horace McFarland, President,
American Civic Assn.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst. I regret to say that I expect to be in California at the date mentioned and therefore shall be unable to join your inspection trip or to help out by taking a car load of guests.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

I don't want to [illegible] trip [illegible], but that I would be unable to help!

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April 13, 1923.

My Dear Wallace:

Thanks for your letter of March 29 introducting Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson. They called a couple of days ago on their way to New York and we were very glad to meet them and sorry we could not extend them some courtesies. But we are packing for California and hope to leave in a few days for our summer home at Lagunitas. However, Mrs. Wilkinson has relatives here and is familiar with the city. We like them very much and regret that we could not see more of them.

Dorothy and her husband, Henry Abbot, and their two little children still live in Cambridge. Elizabeth, who simply adores her grandchildren, has recently returned from a six weeks visit with them.

Zenaida still lives with us and will go to California with us as usual in a few days.

My old brother, Collins, who was operated on for hernia at the Watertown Hospital about six weeks ago, is here now visiting Florence and Vernon.

I should like mightly to see you and your good wife and if either of you are in the Bay region during the next six months I hope you will let us know so that we can bring you out to Lagunitas. We are away about half of the time on field trips

in the north but if you telephone to Lagunitas (there is only one telephone there) you will be told whether or not we are at home.

With best wishes to you both,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1923.

Colonel H. C. Rizer, Chief Clerk,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Rizer:

I shall be greatly obliged to you if you will kindly send me for offical use two copies each of the Mt. Lyell, Kaiser, and Mariposa quadrangles, and three copies each of the Kearney Park, Preston Peak and Seiad sheets.

If you have them for distribution, I shall be obliged if you will send me one copy each of the three following publications of the Survey:

Bulletin 707. Guidebook of the Western United States; Part E, D&RG. Route.

Bulletin 730-D. Physiographic Provinces in Western Oklahoma.

Water-Supply Paper 490-C. Routes to Desert Watering Places in the Lower Gila Region, Arizona.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1923.

Dr. F. E. Matthes,
Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Matthes:

Mr. Sloane, Secretary of the Geographic Board has sent me a carbon copy of a list submitted by you of place names in California concerning which additional information is desired.

I am already familiar with a number of these and expect to secure information in regard to others during the summer.

In just occurs to me to call your attention to to a publication which you may have missed, namely; 'North American Fauna. No. 7', comprising my report on certain features of the Death Valley expedition and containing a very useful 'List of Localities Visited by the Death Valley Expedition' by my assistant, Dr. T. S. Palmer (pages 361-384).

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 16, 1923

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

I am going to California the middle of this week and therefore am enclosing my expense account for the first half of the month; $149.43 and I shall be obliged also if you will kindly make the usual advance of $500 for field work, from the Harriman fund, as usual.

From now until October kindly address me at my summer headquarters, Lagunitas, California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Am enclosing also voucher for A.H.Twitchell, Flat, Alaska, for $18 for Grizzly Bear skulls.

Until further notice please send Miss Clemence's pay checks to her at 1767 Lanier Place, Washington, D.C.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D.C.

Expense account April 1-15, 1923

1923			
April 10	Postage		75
13	M. S. Fehler, Services as stenographer 1½ day	$6	9 00
15	RR Ticket, Washington to SanFrancisco		106 18
	Pullman lower sleeper Washn-SanFrancisco		31 50
	Charwoman, cleaning office rooms April 1-15		2 00

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C. Hart Merriam

April 27,1923

Dear Gertrude:

As Zenaida told you before we left Washington, I have no stenographer out here this year and rather than get a strange one in San Francisco it occurred to me that possibly a trip to California might prove sufficiently alluring to tempt you to risk a job with a cranky old man.

My proposition is this: If you can come for a couple of months, I will provide a return ticket with sleeper and meals but no salary. If you could stay another month I will meet your Washington salaryfor the third month.

If you can come, let me know please as soon as practicable, and I will send you a check for RR fare and expenses.

We shall be making field trips all summer, so I hope you are not averse to camping.

With regards from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

Miss Gertrude Becker
Washington, D.C.

April 27, 1923

Mr B. H. Mace
Forest Supervisor
Weaverville, Calif.

Dear Mr Mace:

We left California for Washington October 26, and returned April 23--just four days ago. As usual, we found a couple of sacks of second class mail banked up awaiting attention. I have been going through this and have just come to the big envelope containing your letter of October 25, and accompanying map, which our local postmaster evidently mistook for printed matter and did not forward to Washington.

This is too bad. And you must have thought it mighty strange that I failed to acknowledge your kindness and trouble.

There is also another reason why I regret the delay: At the last meeting of the Government Geographic Board, just before I left Washington, the Forest Service, through Will C. Barnes(a member of the Board) brought up this very case with recommendations from the Forest Service concerning the Eel River troubles. A few of the names were acted on; the others postponed till fall. The names approved (so far as I remember) are:

Van Duzen River
North Fork Eel
Middle Fork Eel (incl.old North Fk Middle Fk to head)
Main Eel (incl. South Eel to very head)
Rice Fork Eel (from Goat Mt. to Gravelly Valley)
Poopoteyuk for South Fork Middle Fk (for which you suggested Butte Creek)

These are all that I remember off hand--not having the record here.

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Poo-po-te-yuk is the native 'Yuke' Indian name for what the Round Valley people call South Fork Middle Fork. It seemed fitting that at least one of the aboriginal names should be preserved.

Shell Creek was not adopted, for two reasons: We were not certain which of the two heads is the main one; and there is another Shell Creek, labeled "Shell Mt. Creek" on your map immediately north of the head of Middle Fork, flowing north to South Fork Trinity.

The suggestion to change South Fork Eel (joining main Eel at Dyerville) to West Fork Eel, while logical and desirable if the old name was not so firmly establisht by usage, was left open. The use of the old name by the Redwood Highway and Save the Redwoods League, and by the thousands of auto travelers using the highway now, would make such a change difficult.

Again thanking you for your trouble in working on the case, and regretting the delay of6 months in recieving your letter, and with kindest regards to Mrs Mace and yourself, in which Mrs Merriam and my daughter join,

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

May 1, 1923

Mr Arnold Kruckman
Secy-Treas League of Southwest
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your telegram of April 24, addressed to me at Washington, arrived after my departure and has been forwarded here.

For the next two or three months I expect to be at work among the Indians of the northern part of the State and am not sure that it will be practicable to break away and go to Santa Barbara at the time of your meeting, June 7-9.

However, I will keep the matter in mind and try to shape my work accordingly, but cannot yet say how it will turn out.

My address for the next six months will be Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,

May 1, 1923

Dr William Frederick Bade
2616 College Avenue, Berkeley

Dear Doctor Bade:

Very many thanks for your letter of April 28, just recd.

It is good to know that you have accomplished so much in the way of Muir's biography. It will be a fine contribution and one for which you will have the thanks of a multitude of friends. But it was a huge job and I hope you will resist the pressure to hurry. Nothing worries a man more than these everlasting demands for work which the author feels not yet in shape for the printer. For my part I like to let an article lie for months before attempting the final revision--but alas, this is not always possible.

Replying to your inquiry: James S. Merriam of New York was my father's brother. His son died some years ago and one of his daughters is in England. His other daughter is in or near New York and I will try to locate her (I forget her husband's name) and see what she knows about her father's letters.

I am very glad you like my article on Jedediah Smith's crossing of the Sierra, and want to thank you for turning it over to Mr C. Nelson Hackett for publication in the Bulletin. I would like to connect with him in regard to probable date of proof, as I am away in the field a large part of the time.

We wish you and Mrs Bade might drive over to see us while we are still at Lagunitas.

With kindest regards to you both,

Very truly yours,

May 1, 1923

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Herewith I am enclosing my expense account for the latter half of April amounting to $162.73, and voucher for Zenaida Merriam amounting to $24.50, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

It is still spring here now: The grass is yet green and the woods and fields are full of flowers. I counted 27 Iris blossoms under one of our windows, and 32 from one point on our road. There are hundreds of large Fritillaria lilies about the house, and thousands of orange-yellow poppies in the fields below, besides hundreds of acres of lupines and other mass blossoms of various colors. And there are hundreds of wild Pigeons in the redwoods and spruce trees about the house every day--and roosting here every night. And the bright red madrone trees have white crowns from the multitudes of their lily-of-the-valley like flowers, while the tall lilac trees are bright blue. It is a wonderful country in spring and I wish you could be here to enjoy it.

[For abt 1st ½ of April see p. 927]

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California

Expense Account for April 15-30, 1923

April				
	18	C. G.Stott & Co: 3 blank Field Journals @ $1.		3 00
	19	Baggage out, Washington		60
		Dinner on Dining car		1 25
	20	Pullman Porter .25; Handbaggage Chicago .30		55
	22	Ogden,Utah: Telegram to San Rafaelto have car ready		82
	23	Meals en route, April 20 25		15 00
		Pullman Porter, 1. Baggage to SanFrancisco .25		1 25
		SanRafael:Kaenel & Becker ,Storage, materials, and work on car to make ready for road	2	64 58
	24	Lagunitas: Baggage in		1 00
	26	Am Ry Express: Chest of Mss from Washington	3	11 34
		do do Box cooks from Washington	4	3 41
	26	Faro SanRafael-SanFrancisco & return		80
		Spark plug		1 00
		Ignition points, carb. adjust, & labor		2 65
		Typewriter copying ribbon		1 00
		Telephone Directory of Bay Counties		50
		Field mem. booklets		1 00
		Telegram Athol, Mass. (field outfit)		1 30
		Meals 1.75; street cars 30		2 05
		Automobile license for 1923		8 80
		Brown waterproof tent for field work $45 less 20%		36 00
		Allen's Press clippings,Indians, Bears, Mt Lions		3 00
		Sup. to Game Breeder for 1923		2 00
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C. Hart Merriam

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April				
	18	C. G.Stott & Co: 3 blank Field Journals @ $1.		3 00
	19	Baggage out, Washington		60
		Dinner on Dining car		1 25
	20	Pullman Porter .25; Handbaggage Chicago .30		55
	22	Ogden,Utah: Telegram to San Rafaelto have car ready		82
	23	Meals en route, April 20 23		15 00
		Pullman Porter, 1. Baggage tr SanFrancisco .25		1 25
		SanRafael:Kaenel & Becker ,Storage, materials, and work on car to make ready for road 2		64 58
	24	Lagunitas: Baggage in		1 00
	26	Am Ry Express: Chest of Mss from Washington 3		11 34
		do do Box books from Washington 4		3 44
	26	Fare SanRafael-SanFrancisco & return		60
		Spark plug		1 00
		Ignition points, carb. adjust, & labor		2 55
		Typewriter copying ribbon		1 00
		Telephone Directory of Bay Counties		30
		Field mem. booklets		1 00
		Telegram Athol, Mass. (field outfit)		1 30
		Meals 1.75; street cars 30		2 05
		Automobile license for 1923		8 80
		Brown waterproof tent for field work $45 less 20%		36 00
		Allen's Press clippings,Indians, Bears, Mt Lions		3 00
		Sub. to Game Breeder for 1923		2 00
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C. Hart Merriam

May 4, 1923

Mrs Stella M. Atwood
904 West 11th Street
Riverside, California

My dear Mrs Atwood:

Your letter of April 21 was forwarded by my sister and finds me at our summer headquarters here at Lagunitas. Mr Kruckmans telegram also was forwarded.

I am just taking the field in northern California, which will be the scene of work for the greater part of the next six months. It is impossible to say just where I shall be early in June, but I doubt if I can break away to go to Southern California at that time. Besides, I am rusty on Southern California Indians and am not likely to work with them again till next year--there is still so much to be done in the north.

I never heard how you came out in the Pueblo Indian matter. If you made any reply to the Committee Hearings I should like to see what you said.

We are at our Lagunitas place on and off, between field trips, and the Postmaster (who operates the Lagunitas phone) always knows whether we are here or away. So if you are in San Francisco during the summer and will phone Lagunitas, if we are here I shall be delighted to meet you at Sausalito or San Rafael and bring you up here.

With kindest regards, in which Mrs Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 4, 1923

G. & C. Merriam Company
Springfield, Mass.

My dear Sirs:

Replying to your letter of April 24, forwarded from Washington, would say that Gannett Peak, Wyoming, is not a new name for Fremont Peak, but a different peak altogether.

Here in California I have no records to refer to, but if you will write to Frank Bond, General Land Office, or Charles S. Sloane, Census Office, Washington, I am sure you can secure the exact data you wish.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chairman U.S. Geographic Board

Lagunitas, Calif.
May 4, 1923

Mr Charles S. Sloane
Secretary U.S. Geog. Board
Census Office, Washington

Dear Mr Sloane:

The G. & C. Merriam Company, Springfield, Mass., think the name Gannett Peak, Wind River Range, Wyoming, is a new name for Fremont Peak. This I am sure is not so, but out here of course I have nothing to refer to. Can you give them the facts?

I suppose you saw my reply on the Mount Rainier matter in the Washington Post of April 15, but I doubt if you can tell me why the paper left out most of my name?

The country here is wonderfully beautiful just now--the open country deep in fresh green grass with fields of bright color from the acres of poppies, buttercups, lupines, mallows and dozens of others; while the forest floor about our place is a glory of flowers of Iris, Frittilaria lilies, scarlet Clintonias and far too many others to enumerate. I wish you were here to enjoy them.

With best wishes,

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With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

May 3, 1923

Mr George S. Grant
Mgr Touring Bureau, AAA
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr Grant:

The new names I promised to give you for a couple of points on the Redwood Highway are: Ket-tin-tel-be for "Phillipsville", and Ken-tes-cho-be for the triangular space in the deep bend of South Fork Eel River where Myers roadhouse is located(a little below the mouth of Elk Creek).

The Bull Creek Redwood grove (on west side South Fork at mouth of Bull Creek)has been named Lo-lan-ko Grove. All of these are native Indian names for the places mentioned and all have been approved and adopted by the Government Geographic Board.

In looking over the Marin County Road map I notice that the name "Paper Mill Cr" is printed instead of Lagunitas Cr between Tocaloma and Camp Taylor. The name Lagunitas Creek is correct for the entire length of the creek to its mouth in Tomales Bay. On the same map, the name Nicasio Creek is omitted and the inference is that Halleck Creek is the main stream, whereas Halleck is only a small tributary. I suggest also that the position of Red Hill be indicated, as it is one of the best known landmarks on that road. All these points are marked on the map I am enclosing.

On your map of N Calif & SW Oregon a couple of names are misspelt, namely Korbel (not Corbell), and Zenia (not Zena); and I would suggest the addition of Big Lagoon and Briceland. Sorry I had marked up this map with a batch of my tracks, but guess you can make out the places indicated.

May 6, 1923

Dr Hartley H. T. Jackson
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr Jackson:

Sorry I cannot be with you all at the Philadelphia Mammal meeting, but I feel that I am more needed here until my field work is finiaht.

By the way: A local club here has asked me about the details of incorporating. This leads me to ask if you will kindly send me a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution of the Society of Mammalogists. If the Incorporation matter is not printed, I shall of course be glad to pay for having it typed.

We hope that Mrs Jackson has kept right on improving and that she is far on the road to permanent health.

With kindest regards to you both, and to Mrs Snyder,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, Calif.
May 13, 1923

Mr Charles S Sloane
Secy U.S. Geographic Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Sloane:

On returning from a trip north I find your letter of May 4 with enclosures relating to the Eel River matter.

I find no trouble anywhere, nor do I see anything wrong in the decisions of the Board of April 4.

Have made some pencil notes on the several letters and am returning all to you by this mail.

Am in a great hurry as we are starting in less than two hours for an urgent trip to the foothills of the northwestern part of Sacramento Valley, and our car is yet to be packed. Wish you were here to go along.

Very truly yours,

A. Hart Merriam

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May 24, 1923

Dr Joseph Grinnell
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr Grinnell:

On returning to Lagunitas from a field trip in the north I find your letter of the 9th instant, which I presume went to Washn.

Yes, I shall of course be glad to contribute $25 toward the cost of publication of the Santa Rita Mts Avifauna in case you succeed in securing enuf promises to warrant the undertaking. Will send check as soon as you let me know.

Are not you and Mrs Grinnell going to make the Redwood highway trip this spring? In any case we hope you all will give us a call at Lagunitas before the country dries up. It certainly is lovely here now. But dont come without phoning first, to make sure that we are here, as we are away on trips fully half the time. The people in the store(who have the only phone in Lagunitas) always know whether we are home or away.

With kind regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 24, 1923

Mr Luther J. Goldman
Boise, Idaho

Dear Goldman:

On returning from a field trip to the north, I find your letter of the 16th instant from Pocatello, and also the box of 3 skulls you were kind enuf to send from the lava caves. They are the Plains Wolf--two males and one female. I am forwarding them to the Biological Survey, and am enclosing herewith the dollar you spent for mail insurance.

Glad you found the track of a Grizzly, showing that they are not yet extinct in that region.. I most earnestly hope that you or your assistant will succeed in getting at least one.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 26,1923

Mr Harry S. Allen
121 Second Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr Allen:

Yesterday's mail brought a fine lot of clippings on Indian affairs, for which I am obliged. And this reminds me that it is the first batch of clippings I have received since leaving Washington on April 19. And the indistinctness of the Lagunitas address on the enclosed envelope(recd. yesterday) leads me to fear that a previous sending may have gone astray.

Have just returned from my second trip to the north, and shall be setting out on another in the near future.

Some of these days I hope to drop in on you in the city.

With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

May 26, 1923.

Hon. Hubert Work
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Work:

On returning to my summer headquarters(Lagunitas,Calif.) after a bit of field work among some of the tribes of northern California, I find your letter of the 10th instant inviting me to become one of a hundred persons to constitute an Advisory Council on Indian affairs.

For some years past, my aim has been to unload, rather than to assume new duties; nevertheless, because of my interest in these downtrodden and heartsick people and my rather intimate knowledge of many tribes in California and Nevada--a result of more than 30 years wrk among them-- I am glad to accept and shall do what I can to help.

It is encouraging to know that you are taking such an active interest in our Indians and I earnestly hope that good may come from the recommendations of the Council, although the membership represents so many diverse activities and so many antagonistic views that one cannot help wondering what the outcome will be.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

May 30, 1923

Mr Arnold Kruckman
Sec'y League of the Southwest
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr Kruckman:

Returning from field work among some of our northern tribes I find your letters awaiting attention.

It will be impracticable for me to prepare any address for your Santa Barbara meeting. Nevertheless I should like much to be there and listen to what is said in relation to our Indians.

But my work is far too pressing to justify the time it would take to go and come and spend three days there. If I knew which day the Indian matters would be discussed I would try to be there at that time, although I ought to be in the field again.

I assume you have arranged with John P. Harrington, now conducting excavations at Santa Barbara, to give a talk.

Regretting that it is impracticable to comply with your request for an address, and with best wishes for a successful meeting,

Very truly yours,

A. L. Kroeber

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Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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May 30, 1923

Mrs Stella M Atwood
Riverside, Calif.

My dear Mrs Atwood:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th instant, which awaited my return from a field trip among some of our northern Indians.

The opportunity to hear what may be said at the Santa Barbara meeting is very tempting and I may possibly go, though I ought to return at once to the field.

But it will be out of the question for me to prepare any kind of an address, so if I go it will be as a listener.

I want to thank you particularly for your report in reply to the Homer Snyder Hearings report. It helps greatly to turn on the light.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

[I went, but did not talk - CHM]

May 30, 1923

Dr John Comstock
Chairman Executive Council
Indian Welfare League
Los Angeles, California

My dear Dr Comstock:

On returning from a bit of field work among some of our northern Indians I find your letter of May 16 awaiting attention.

It will be impracticable for me to prepare any address for the Santa Barbara meeting of which you speak, but I should like to be there to hear what is said and to meet you and others interested in California Indians.

I am again overdue in the field but may go to Santa Barbara for the day on which the Indian matters are to be discussed if I learn in time which day that will be.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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May 31, 1923

Mr J. Rosenburg
Carmacks, Y.T.
Canada.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 20 has been forwarded to me by the Smithsonian Institution.

In reply, would say that I am still purchasing skulls of Grizzly Bears, though I am no longer able to pay as much for them as I did several years ago.

For reasonably perfect skulls of old males labeled for the locality where killed, I now pay $10 to $15, according to age and condition; for old females in good condition, about $8.

In case you send any, please tie a tag to each, stating where killed, and if known the sex and approximate date, and always add your own name and address.

Skulls should be carefully packed and shipped by express, charges collect, addressed: Biological Survey, Dept. Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Your own name and address should be written on the outside of the package, as well as on the tag inside.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

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May 31,1923

Dr Joseph Grinnell
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Dr Grinnell:

Thanks for your letter of the 28th instant. I am delighted to know that the response to your request for funds for Avifauna No. 15 has been so prompt and generous. Herewith I am enclosing my contribution of $25 --no acknowledgment necessary.

It is something to look forward to, that you and Major Brooks will pay me a visit soon after his return to Berkeley. Brooks is one of the real men for whom I have a genuine respect and admiration. And I think you both will be glad to see the progress I have made on my maps of the Indian tribes.

With best wishes till I see you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

May 31,1923

Dr Hartley H. T. Jackson
Washington, D.C.

Dear Doctor Jackson:

Very many thanks for the neat typewritten copy of the matter wished for. It is just what we needed here and will be a great help. I am enclosing a small amount for whoever did the copying--a trifling remuneration.

Was sorry to miss the Philadelphia meeting and am glad you had such a good attendance.

Have made two field trips since I wrote you last, and on one of them got some photos of a remarkable Indian ceremony which I am sure you will be glad to see on my return to Washington.

With kindest regards from us all to Mrs Jackson and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 3, 1923

Taylor & Taylor
404 Mission St
San Francisco

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for your letter of yesterday. The price you mention for separates rather takes my breath away.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will reduce the number of copies from 200 to 50, and would prefer to have them run just as printed in the Bulletin--not repaged.

Please send to me at Lagunitas, with bill, and I will remit promptly.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 3, 1923

Mr Alfred C. Gillis
Indian Board of Cooperation
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr Gillis;

Todays mail brought me a delightful surprise--your letter of the 1st instant with much prized enclosures concerning Wintoon names and various other matters, all of which are of much interest to me. I am particularly glad to have your names—the right names—for the two so called "Squaw" creeks. And as I told you the other day, I shall do all I can to induce the Government Geographic Board to adopt the name Wintoon Butte for the "Black Butte" just west of Mount Shasta. I am obliged to you for the suggestion.

Pit River was named from the deer pits dug by Indians on its upper course, and therefore takes only one t. Mount Pitt on the Oregon side was named for a man named Pitt, and therefore takes two ts.

When next you are in the Bay region, drop me a line and I will go and get you and bring you up here.

With renewed thanks for your notes,

Very truly yours,

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

June 3,1923

Dear Mr Adams:

Enclosed is my expense account for May, amounting to $222.20 and a voucher for Kenaida Merriam, asst, for $42, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

The account is unusually heavy this time because of the large expenditures I was called upon to make in order to witness and photograph a very extraordinary ceremonial performance of Wintoon origin in which members of some eight tribes took part. It lasted 3 days and 3 nights and I took over 80 photographs of the daytime costumes on the actors, but I found myself too old to stay up nights after the first night (when I remained in the half-underground roundhouse with about 150 Indians till 3 in the morning) so my daughter stayed after I had to crawl into my sleeping bag. The feather costumes are wonderful and startling, particularly the headdresses, some of which are nearly 6 feet across.

On the 2d day two or three white men came with a moving picture camera and set it up and began turning the crank--as if they owned the whole thing. But the Indians went after them pronto and told them to take out the film or they would throw the machine into the river. They obeyed and the little Indian children amused themselves by playing horse with hundreds of feet of exposed film!

Meanwhile I was busy taking pictures which I think you will think worthwhile when I show them to you on my return.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif.

Expense Account for May 1923

1923				
May	2	Fare, SanRafael-SanFrancisco and return		60
		SF: Street cars .20; Meals 1.75; large pad .20		2 15
		SanRafael: Sparrow Bros, cleaning car starter		1 50
		Gas: 10 gals @ 19		1 90
	7-10	Trip to Mitchopdo Indians		
		Fare, San Anselmo to Chico		6 84
		Pd Indians: Jack Frango 3, Amelia Wilson 2; other 2		10 00
		Hotel Oaks, Chico, Room 3 days @ 2.50	1	7 50
		Meals + days May 7-10 incl @3		12 00
		Fare, Chico-SanFrancisco $6.42; SF -Lagunitas .96		7 38
	11	SanRafael: Kaenel & Becker, Greasing car	2	2 25
	13	Eleven gallons gas @ 19		2 09
	13-21	Auto trip 500 odd miles to Grindstone Rancheria to see remarkable sacred ceremony		
		11 rolls film @ 25		2 75
	14	Pd Koroo Ind Kachil Rcha, Sacramento River		2 00
		Willows: 10 gals gas @ 20½, 2.05; 3 qts oil .90		2 95
	15-17	Grindstone Rcha: Food contribution for Indian mess (100 lbs flour, coffee, sugar, crackers, tobacco)		10 00
		Cash contribution to Chief (toward purchase of beef)		10 00
		Cash to actors, incl privelege to photograph		12 00
		Cash to hat collections during acts or dances		4 00
	19	Pd Inds, Jesse Berryessa & bro., Sites Rancheria		4 00
	19-20	Pd Ind SanDiego Shotea at Stony Ford Rcha		4 00
	21	Woodland Garage, alarniting car, chg tire &c		2 05
	13-21	Hotel & camp meals 9 days self & asst (Z.Merriam)		27 00
	21	One new Kelly-Springfield tire & tube	3	37 70
		Telegram to Athol, Mass		70
	23	SanAnselmo -SanFrancisco & ret .60; Street cars .20		80
		Tire padlock & keys 1.25; meals 1.75; Garage 25		3 25
		Vulcanizing tires and new flap	4	4 00
	24	Charges on 3 Wolf skulls from Boise, Idaho		1 00
	26	Sausalito to SanFrancisco & return 30; Street cars 20		50
		Dinner 1.00; Sausalito garage 50		1 50
	29-30	Fares & street cars, Lagunitas to San Carlos to witness Pomo Ceremony		2.24
		Admission 50; Garage 50, meals 4.50		5 50
		Room, Cartwright Hotel, SanFrancisco	5	2 50
	30	San Anselmo: 10 gals gas @ 19		1 90
		San Rafael: Am Express chgs pkg from Athol, Mass	6	5 92
		Postage, month of May (incl stampt envelopes)		1 62
		Allens Press Clippings for April (Inds & Bears)	7	3 33
		Allens Press clippings for May	8	3 00
		Marsh & Co Developing & printing photos	9	11 78
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June 4, 1923

Dear Miss Clemence:

Glad to see your letter of the29th May, which came yesterday. We have been wondering what had become of you, and I was on the point of wiring you for the Yosemite Geographic lists, which you were to send me as soon as practicable after I left. They have not yet arrived and it would be foolish for me to go to Yosemite without them, as I would have to go again.

So far have been with about 8 tribes and have collected a fine lot of material. Have practically completed the boundaries of the Sacramento Valley tribes, and also those of the foothills to the west, and have got a good deal of additional Pomoan material.

But perhaps the most important of all was the privilege of attending a 3-day-and-night ceremony of one of the middle foothills Wintoon tribes, during which I took about 80 photographs. Three whitemen came the 2d daywith a moving picture camera and began taking pictures. The Indians massed around them and ordered them to open up and take out the fi lm, under penalty of having the machine smashed and thrown into the river. Then the little Indian children amused themselves by playing horse with several hundred feet of film.

The first night I stayed up till 3, after which the thing kept agoing till sunup. But next night I gave in before midnight and had to depend on Zenaida for the rest.

Please pay the typewriter repair bill and send receipt to me so I can put it in next account.

No, we had not heard that Gertrude had been ill and are very sorry.

Rev F. G. Collett
Executive Representative
Indian Board of Cooperation
3 City Hall Avenue, SanFrancisco

June 4,1923

My dear Mr Collett:

Thanks for your telephone message and letter. I was sorry to miss Ellen Norris. She must have gone home sooner than expected.

About the impending Santa Barbara meeting: I had not heard that there was any intention of holding a meeting of the newly appointed Advisory Committee , but supposed that Indian matters were to be brought up as a part of the Southwest interests. They put me on the program in spite of the fact that I wrote them that if I went it would be as a listener and that I would not give an address. I have not yet fully decided, but may go.

A few days ago someone sent me the first two numbers of the California Indian Herald. They contain so much matter of interest to me that I wish to subscribe and am enclosing herewith $2.25 for three copies for the current year. Kindly have these addressed to me at Lagunitas. I want one copy to file whole, and two to cut up.

Very truly yours,

June 6,1923

Dr John R. Swanton
Editor Anthropologist
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Dr Swanton:

In reading the last number of the Anthropologist I was moved to call attention to certain easily avoidable errors the like of which too often mar current anthropological literature.

Hence I am sending you a little note which I trust may serve to induce authors to be a little more careful in what they say.

Recently I had the good fortune to be invited to witness an Indian ceremonial "dance" among the mountains west of the northern part of the Sacramento Valley, to see which I drove my car more than 500 miles. It proved to be a very remarkable affair and the feather clothing of the actors was most spectacular. Some of the rod and feather headdresses were nearly 6 feet across, and the coloring was splendid.

I was permitted to take photographs and made over 80 exposures, some of which I am sure you will be glad to see on my return to Washington in the fall.

Very truly yours,

C. W. [illegible]

ERRONEOUS IDENTIFICATIONS OF "COPPER EFFIGIES" FROM THE MOUND CITY GROUP.

The October-December 1922 number of the American Anthropologist (Vol.24, No 4, pp 397-431, published April 1923) contains an interesting article by William C. Mills, entitled 'Exploration of Mound City Group, Ross County, Ohio'.

Among the illustrations are several of copper "effigies" identified as 'eagles'. One of these (figure 44) has the short strongly decurved bill of an eagle and doubtless is correctly labeled. The others, as any ornithologist can tell at a glance, are wrongly identified. Thus figure 37, labeled "effigy of eagle heads" shows the relatively long straight bill, hooked at the tip, of the common Turkey Buzzard or Vulture, while figure 46 labeled "effigy of eagle made of copper", has the massive hooked bill, notched and lobed at base, characteristic of the parrots.

In addition to the bird effigies figured, there is a curious elongate object called "effigy horn of the mountain goat" which bears no resemblance whatever to the horn of that animal, but which suggests, though by no means actually resembling, the horn of a mountain sheep. It may have been copied after some kind of a fossil, but could not have been intended to represent the horn of any American mammal.

The misidentifications to which attention is here called are by no means unique, for unhappily the literature of anthropology and archeology abounds in more or less similar cases.

To a naturalist, the complacency with which certain authors distribute names of mammals, birds, and reptiles in the legends referring to figures on pottery and other objects is truly ap-

palling--and it might be added that the publication of such easily avoided errors hardly tends to inspire confidence in an author's thoroughness. Surely persons familiar with the dominant types of our native fauna are not so scare as to imply difficulty in obtaining the correct names of most of the animals figured.

I may be pardoned for reiterating what I have said many times before, namely that since our Indians are born naturalists--naturalists by inheritance and daily association, it seems strange that our schools of anthropology and archeology fail to recognize the importance of some preliminary training in natural history.

C. Hart Merriam.

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June 12, 1923

Prof. Herbert E. Bolton
Berkeley, California

Dear Doctor Bolton:

A couple of years ago I wrote the enclosed article on Jedediah Smith's route from Salt Lake to California, and expected to take it to you and ask about the proper avenue of publication. But time flies and I have been pushing field work.

So I am now sending it and shall appreciate any suggestions you may have to make, either as to the substance of the paper or the probability of its acceptance for publication by one of the Historical journals. It is not so long as it looks, being wide-spaced and on narrow paper.

Smith's letter to Gen. Clark , as published by Dale, has had so many liberties taken with it that it is by no means reliable to quote from as the source of most of the information we possess concerning this very remarkable expedition. And furthermore the copy here presented seems to be the earliest and most authentic known.

I shall greatly appreciate your comment and advice.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

FIRST CROSSING FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ROUTE OF JEDEDIAH S. SMITH IN UTAH AND NEVADA IN 1826

By C. Hart Merriam

In the early fall of 1826 the daring explorer and fur-trader, Jedediah S. Smith, led a small party on horseback from Great Salt Lake, Utah, to San Diego, California. He appears to have been the first white man to cross the vast expanse of unknown deserts between the Rocky Mountain region and southern California, as he was also the first to cross the Sierra Nevada, which he did in May of the following year.

There is some doubt as to certain details of the route, but in his letter to General William Clark, of Lewis and Clark fame, written July 12, 1827, he states: "My general

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Smith's letter to General William Clark, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, from which the quotations in the present article are taken, is preserved in the archives of the Office of Indian Affairs at Washington, to which office, through the courtesy of Mr. C. T. Hauke, Chief Clerk, I am indebted for a very perfect photostat copy. It is written in a remarkably clear hand and is dated "Little Lake of Bear River, July 12th, 1827 -- thus antedating by 5 days the copy published by Dale in his book entitled 'The Ashley-Smith Explorations', pp. 186-194, 1918. I have not seen the original of the copy published by Dale, nor the Missouri Republican of October 11, 1827, in which it was first printed, but Dale's reprint differs in numerous small details from the original in the Indian Office at Washington.

course on leaving the Salt Lake, was South-W. & West"--and adds that after passing Little Utah Lake he ascended "Ashley's river"(now known as the Sevier) which he erroneously supposed to empty into Utah Lake. On this river he found " a Nation of Indians who call themselves Sampatch", adding, "they were friendly disposed towards us" These were a Utah tribe inhabiting Sevier and San Pete valleys and now commonly called Sanpeet Indians.

After ascending the Sevier--how far he does not say--he continues:"I passed over a range of Mountains running S.E. and N.W. and struck a river running S.W. which I called Adams River, in compliment to our President. The water is of a muddy cast, & is a little brackish -- the country is mountainous to East -- toward the West, there are Sandy plains and detached Rocky Hills. Passing down this river some distance, I fell in with a Nation of Indians who call themselves Pa Ulches[1]. these Indians, as well as those last mentioned, wear rabbit skin robes--who raise some little corn & Pumpkins".

Recent commentators, Chittenden in his American Fur Trade of the Far West(Vol.1,p 283, 1902), Wagner in Adventures of Zenas Leonard (footnote p 153, 1904), Richman, 'Map of 22 Spanish and American Trails and Routes' in his book entitled California under Spain and Mexico, 1911; and Dale in The Ashley-Smith Explorations (p 188 footnote,1918) have identified Adams River as the Virgin, but I believe this to be an error

[1] Smith's writing of the word Pa Ulches is of course intended for Pa Utches, though the t is not crossed. However, it is written with a single upright stroke, as are all his t's, while throughout the manuscript his l's are looped. In Smith's letter to Clark as published in French in Les Nouvelles Annales des Voyages (2d ser., vol 7, pp 208-212, 1833) the correct form, Pa Utches, is given.

an error and am certain that the stream in question is the one now known as Meadow Valley Wash and its continuation the Muddy. Following are my reasons:

Smith well knew that in order to reach Southern California from Salt Lake his general course must be to the southwest. [p 5 follows]

In Utah and Nevada in 1866

In ascending the upper Sevier the forbidding aspect of the escarpments and mountains on the east, south, and southwest would naturally have led him to seek a passage to the westward. That Smith did this is proved by his own words, for he tells us that his general course was SW and W, and adds: "I passed over a range of mountains running S.E. and N.W. and struck a river running S.W. which I called Adams River, in compliment to our President." Virgin River does not lie in this direction, its headwaters being immediately due south of and close to those of the Sevier -- both rising in canyons of the Markagunt Plateau, near its eastern front. What stream then could he have reached?

After crossing the mountains west of the upper Sevier, probably the Beaver Range, his course to the southwest and west lay over the open Escalante Desert. No stranger traversing this Desert would attempt to

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force a passage through the mountains to the south, and moreover no waters from the desert flow southward, all the northern tributaries of the Virgin in this region being short streams flowing south from the southern slope of the divide. Hence the only river he could possibly have reached is Meadow Valley Wash -- for there is no other. Once on the Escalante Desert the lay of the land leads naturally to the southwest and west as far as the low cedar hills of the Utah-Nevada boundary, beyond which lies the long north and south valley known as Meadow Valley Wash -- which he probably reached in the neighborhood of Panaca or Pioche. Thirty years ago I followed this same course myself on horseback, and it has since been adopted by the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad -- it being the natural passage to the southwest.

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Sometime after crossing the mountains west of the Sevier, Smith described the country as "mountainous to the East; towards the West there are sandy plains and detached rocky hills." This is correct for the Escalante Desert and Meadow Valley Wash, but grossly incorrect for any part of the Virgin.

In order to have reached the upper waters of the then unknown Virgin River, Smith would have been obliged to depart from the direction he wished to take and continue south up the Sevier to its very head, thus entering the region of the formidable cliffs and canyons of the Markagunt Plateau, instead of crossing, as he said he did, "a range of mountains running S.E. and N.W." -- the mountains that separate the upper course of the Sevier from the valleys on the west that lead to the Escalante Desert. Furthermore, the part of the Virgin which he could have reached and followed on horse-

back is so short that he could not possibly have marched down it for 12 days -- or even half that number -- unless entangled in its marvelous canyons which, had he seen, he most certainly would have mentioned. And finally, the main course of the Virgin to its junction with the Muddy being westerly and southwesterly, he could not have described it as turning to the southEAST two days' march from its junction with the Colorado.

About 10 days' march down the stream "the river turns to the southeast." This just fits the Muddy, but is entirely wrong for the Virgin, as admitted by Dale, who, misidentifying the stream as the Virgin, criticized Smith's directions as "confused and inadequate." Smith continued following the river "two days further to where it empties into the Seedekeeden", by which name, ordinarily written Seedskedee, the Colorado River and

its upper continuation the Green were then known.

Referring again to the stream he named Adams River he says: "Passing down this river some distance, I fell in with a Nation who call themselves Pa-Utches;" and adds, "here(about ten days march down it) the river turns to the South East." This is very important information as it locates his position with remarkable exactness, for we know that the 'Pa-Utches' -- called Paunchas by the early Spanish explorers, Garces, and Cortez -- dwelt on the lower part of Meadow Valley Wash and the adjacent part of the Muddy, and know also that this is where the stream turns to the southeast.

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Nearly half a century after Smith's passage, Major Powell visited the same Indians, and in writing of them in connection with the use of the term Pahute, states: "but the Indians know only those on the Muddy by that name." (Rept.Commr. Ind. Affairs for 1873, p.45, 1874.)

That just at this point Smith chose the gravel mesa several miles west of the stream bed instead of the less desirable course closer in, is obvious to anyone following this route on horseback, and is absolutely proved by the following interesting circumstance:

In his letter to General Clark, Smith makes particular mention of a remarkable Salt Cave. After having followed for some time the stream he named Adams River and which I identify as Meadow Valley Wash, and after passing the Pa Uiche [=Pah Ute] Indians, he states, "Here (about 10 days march down it) the river turns to the South East". This would have brought him to the neighborhood of the junction of the Muddy and Virgin. He then goes on to say, "On the S.W.side of the river there is a Cave the entrance of which is about 10 or 15 feet high & 5 or 6 feet in width— after descending about 15 feet, the room opens out from 25 to 30 feet in length & 15 to 20 feet in width. The roof, sides, & floor are solid Rocksalt". I was told of this

Salt Cave when I visited the region on horseback 33 years ago. It is well known locally and is situated about 5 miles southwest of the little place called St. Thomas in Clark County southeastern Nevada. In other words, it is on the gravel mesa a few miles west and a little south of the junction of the Muddy and Virgin, thus explaining why the union of the two streams was not observed by Smith.

It is singular how proofs multiply, and also how easily they are overlooked. Among the precious archives of the Missouri Historical Society is the journal of Harrison G. Rogers, a member of Smith's Expedition. It was rescued by Smith from the Indians who had killed Rogers in 1826, and publisht by Dale in his account of the Ashley-Smith explorations. As would be expected, it contains entries of more than passing importance, fixing dates and localities. Thus under date of October 1 and 2 Rogers locates the party on 'Muddy River', and on October 5 and 24 and November 5, on the 'Siskadee'--the name used by hunters and trappers for the Colorado. This not only confirms Smith's route but also indicates that notwithstanding his bestowal of the name Adams River on Meadow Valley Wash and the Muddy, others of the party actually called the name Muddy River. So far as I am aware this is the first mention of the name.

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Among the maps showing varying degrees of confusion in the positions and names of the Virgin, Meadow Valley Wash and the Muddy, may be mentioned: Mitchell's New Map of Texas, Oregon, and California, 1846; Colton's Map of New Mexico and Utah, 1855; Lieut. Whipple's (Government) Map, 1854; Lieut. Warren's Map of the Territory of the United States from the Missisippi to the Pacific Ocean, 1857; Major Emory's Map of the United States and Territories between the Missippi and the Pacific Ocean, 1857-1858; Ives graphic relief Map (drawn by Egloffstein) entitled "Map No.2, Rio Colorado of the West", 1858; the Abbe Domenech's Map of the United States, 1860; Lloyd's Map of the Territoties and Pacific States, 1865; the Government Land Office maps of 'Utah and Nevada, 1866'; Keeler's large 'National Map of the Territories of the United States from the Missippi River to the Ocean, 1867; and Bancroft's Map of California and Nevada, 1868.

The Wheeler Survey map sheets ——————

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(Nos. 50,58,59,66,and 67) show with much detail the region between Great Salt Lake and the Great Bend of the Colorado, including Escalante Desert and the courses of Sevier River, Meadow Valley Wash, the Muddy, Santa Clara, and Virgin, thus covering the whole of the country traversed by Jedediah Smith from Utah Lake to the Colorado. They are very graphic, exhibiting in bold relief the mountains, canyons, and plateau escarpments of the region, and while not always accurate in minor details should be consulted by everyone interested in tracing the steps of the first white man who had the courage to explore this unknown route to California.

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Mr Luther J. Goldman
Boise, Idaho

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Dear Goldman:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th just recieved. It is most interesting to me and I greatly enjoy your graphic account of the tricks that old he Bear played with your traps. But I see that you have blood in your eye and will get him yet. And meanwhile it is good to know that your man Williams has actually got a she one. With these skulls and those you got before it should be easy to settle the sex differences and also the status of the Lavabeds Grizzly.

So you have heard of a couple of old skulls which you may be able to get! I most certainly hope you will bear down on them hard and make sure that they do not escape. I will gladly chip in enough cash--say $15 to $20 each--for them if they are adult and in fair condition.

It will be interesting also to learn about the Oregon Dwarf Bear got by Survey hunters, which you read about in a Portland paper. I had not heard of it.

Best luck to you, and many thanks for your efforts.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr Robert T. Morris
114 East 54th Street
New York City

June 19, 1923

Dear Doctor Morris:

Your letter of the 4th instant, after two or three forwardings, has finally reached me here at my summer hearquarters in California.

I did not know that either moles or field mice ate turtle's eggs, but can't see any sufficient reason why they should decline such a tempting dish on the rare occasions when it would fall in their way. Your observation is very interesting and if you could make sure whether the culprit was a mole or a field mouse, it would be well worth recording.

I am busy as usual working among the California Indians, and recently saw a most interesting and remarkable ceremonial "dance"

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 19,1923

The Comptroller
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

Referring to the enclosed bill of four dollars for photo negatives and prints, recieved this morning, would say that I have looked over my account for the month in question(October 1921) and find the following entry:"Univ. Calif.,Photo sheets Costanso MS map Calif. $4.00" The bill was paid and receipted on October 20,1921, and at the end of the month was transmitted to the Smithsonian Institution as subvoucher no 6 of my account for that month.

The amount was paid by my assistant, Miss Stella Clemence, which may have caused the confusion.

Very truly yours,

C. H. [illegible]

June 2o,1923

Mr R. A. Whall, Mgr.
Metropolitan Air Goods Co.
Athol, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

At last the long-looked-for tent has arrived and I have no doubt will prove a comfort.

The big tent sent by mistake I have returned by Am. Ry. Express today, carefully packed with all its belongings in the long box in which it came.

You cannot imagine what an annoyance the absence of this tent has been during the upwards of 1200 miles I have traveled in the car since our arrival two months ago. My business here in California is field work, camping nights alongside the car and rarely in the same place two nights. Fortunately we were caught in only one rain, and were able to spend the night in a cow barn.

Every time we returned to Lagunitas we drove to San Rafael to see if the tent had come, thus covering more than 250 miles!

Your Brownie sleeping pads we continue to find a great comfort, though the first one leaks a very little. And I shall be obliged if you will send me another, with bill, by Parcels Post, addressed to Lagunitas, Marin Co., California. (Size 25x48)
Also please send one Utility Sportsman's Cushion (14x16)

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 20,1923

Prof. Herbert E. Bolton
University of California

My dear Dr. Bolton:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 18th instant in regard to my article on Jedediah Smith. I am thankful for your recommendation that I send it to Dr E.C.Barker with reference to its possible publication in the Southwestern Historical Quarterly.

And I wish to express my obligations to Mr J.J.Hill for his attentions in the matter and shall be very glad to see his comment on the several versions of the Smith letter.

Just at the moment we are packing our car for a field trip and may not be home for ten or twelve days. This will explain my delay in writing Mr Hill, as the MS will not arrive until after we have gone.

Appreciating your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 8, 1923

Dear Miss Clemence:

On returning from Clear Lake and the Miyakma Mountains a few days ago I was glad to find your letter and the long-lookt-for Yosemite Geographic names.

But when you sent the MS on May 5, why did'nt you write and tell me; and when you received my letter complaining of its non-receipt, why did'nt you write at once instead of waiting so long? Mental processes sometimes are hard to understand.

Hope you and Doctor Baker have escaped further damages to your pet cars. Thus far I have had no excitement in that line this year--but there is plenty of time yet.

On the last trip I got the long postponed data about several of the Clear Lake tribes, in addition to rancheria and vocabulary material. Also camped at the so-called Hopland Rancheria--which by the way is not near Hopland but in the Miyakma Mts.--and gathered a fine lot of material, tho I shall have to go there again to complete the job. The Indians everywhere have been most kindly disposed toward us, and at the last camp brought Mrs M a bucketfull of nice ripe peaches.

Have not reed any account from you so far; perhaps you are holding till the amount grows.

Have you been getting much of interest of late? Perhaps it is a secret, as you are so reticent about it.

Very truly yours,

July 12, 1923.

Dear Dr. Stephens:

Please pardon my delay in writing and sending you the promised map showing the locations of the more important Redwood Groves (here marked in yellow) along the Redwood Highway. — (map in separate envelope.

The first good grove you strike in going north is known as Redwood Flat and is a few miles north of the junction of Rattlesnake Creek with South Fork Eel River. The next grove, known as Lane's Redwood Flat, is five miles beyond the first Redwood Flat and is a very fine grove. The camping ground among the big trees was fenced last year and a charge of two bits a night is made. A building was erected which I believe is a hotel.

These are the only groves of importance along the highway on the Mendocino County Side of the line and there is no other worth mentioning until you arrive at Kettintelbe (previously known as Phillipsville).

Mr. Sperry of the Save The Redwoods League told me yesterday that there are now fairly good stopping places at intervals along the highway so that it is no longer necessary to carry a camping outfit; but the names of the places he mentioned were strange to me and as I did

not write them down I am sorry to say I have forgotten them.

We expect to leave Lagunitas on Tuesday July 17 bound for the Humboldt Bay country, and shall be greatly rejoiced if the Stephans party can arrange to join us for part of the trip. We hope to get away early enough to make Long Valley before dark in order to camp in a choice spot on 10-mile Creek. We expect to lunch at the Palace Hotel at Ukiah in the neighborhood of 1:30 and hope you will be able to join us there.

few miles south of [illegible] it is necessary to detour for about three miles [illegible] Grant of the AAA told me yesterday that he thinks this detour is still necessary but others have told me that the main road ought to be open by this time. It is Grant's business to know.

After leaving The Shadows we had a charming drive over the new Blue Lakes and Cold Creek Highway and spent the following two days at the so called Hopland Rancheria in the western Miyakma Mountains where we were most cordially received and obtained a splendid lot of material.

You know without being told how greatful we feel to you and Mrs. Stephens for the privilege of making your attractive and comfortable place our headquarters during my recent work in Lake County. [illegible]

We suppose that Bruce is now with you and that he is full of the thrilling incidents of his canoe trip down the main Eel. [illegible]

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July 12, 1923.

Belcher Abstract and Title Co.,
Eureka, Calif.

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am enclosing one dollar ($1.00) for which please send me copies of Belcher Road Map of Humboldt County and oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

July 13, 1923.

Mr. Robert Newton Lynch, Vice President
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Dear Sir:

On returning from a recent field trip I found your letter of June 27 awaiting attention.

The matter of the proper abbreviation for the State of California has been before the U. S. Geographic Board several times. The old abbreviation "Cal." (which I regret to see is still used by some people and some newspapers) caused the postoffice much trouble for the reason that "Cal." and "Col." were usually indistinguishable in pen writing. For this reason and also because the abbreviation "Cal." stands for calomel, calamity and other disagreeable things I some years ago urged the board to adopt "Calif." as an abbreviation carrying the feeling of the name. The postoffice also desired this abbreviation, which was officially adopted.

You now suggest that the full name be used. This recommendation, made by Mr. Menifee, came before the board before I left Washington. There were two difficulties in the way of its adoption. In the first place it is not an abbreviation and therefore may be properly used by all who so desire. In the second place it is too long to print on a postoffice cancellation stamp as you will see if you try

to print the words San Francisco, California, around any circle of suitable size for a postoffice stamp, allowing room for the date in the center.

Replying to your inquiry as to whether or not all the names of all the states are abbreviated on cancellation stamps would state that this is the case with three exceptions, Ohio, Maine, and Kansas.

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Boise, Idaho.

Dear Goldman:

On returning from a recent field trip I found your letter of June 25 and the two Grizzly Bear skulls from the Snake River Desert. These are just what we wanted and are a splendid confirmation of the characters of the one you sent before I left Washington. The only outstanding difficulty is the matter of sex. The skulls of most Grizzlies exhibit a rather remarkable disparity in the characters of the two sexes but there are one or two exceptions, notably the Monterey Grizzly, in which the skull of the female resembles (that of the male in appearance

although it is very much smaller.

These skulls are most valuable and I look forward with much satisfaction to the opportunity of comparing them with the specimens you have previously sent. In view of the present material it certainly is of the utmost importance to secure an adult male and I most earnestly hope you will succeed.

With best wishes and many thanks for your continued interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 13, 1923.

Mr. Charles F. Lummis
Camulos Rancho
Box 93, Piru
Calif.

Dear Mr. Lummis:

Your letter of the 8th instant is at hand and I am very glad to hear from you after so long an interval.

Yes, I quite agree with you in deeming it advisable to turn over to the Indian Defense Association your Sequoya League mailing list. It strikes me as remarkable that the Santa Barbara branch has started out with such a very large membership.

I agree with you further in the feeling that theoretically we should have a single organization to look out for the interests of our Indians but feel that the absence of a leader of proved qualities is sufficient reason for deferring a single organization until some of the local leaders show the desired fitness.

It was mighty good to see you at Santa Barbara and to listen to your remarks, which had lost none of the old time vigor.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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July 13, 1923.

Mr. Charles S. Sloane, Secretary
U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sloane:

Thanks for yours of June 30 enclosing a letter from M. G. Mitchell, Secretary of the Mount Tacoma Club.

You will be interested to know that the California division of the American Automobile Association has already printed on their new road maps the names our board approved on April 4.

By the way, I wish you would send me ~~one~~ a half dozen copies of the decisions of April 4, as I have several requests for them here.

I should be obliged also for two or three copies of the decisions of the year.

I have recently returned from a most successful field trip in Lake and Mendocino Counties.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Can you tell me whether the statistics of Indian population given by the Indian Office were collected by that office or by the Census Office?

July 14, 1923.

Mr. W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Herewith I enclose my expense account for the month of June, amounting to ~~$222.17~~ 220.97, and voucher for Zenaida Merriam assistant for $35.00, ~~for~~ which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

During our last trip in the Clear Lake region and Miyakma Mountains we obtained material from six tribes of Indians but were not able to finish work there.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif. 999

Expense Account for June 1923.

1923			
June 1-2	Sausilita-SF & return .30; street carfares .35		65
	SF: Cartwright Hotel, Room June 1-2	1	2 50
	Meals		3 00
	Car over night, Sausilita		50
2	Telegram to Athol, Mass. (Field Outfit)		1 82
4	Sub. Indian Herald, 3 copies		2 25
5	Cooper Ornith Club Pac. Avifauna No. 15		1 50
	" " " " " No. 16		6 00
5	Kaenel & Becker, San Rafael, Work on car	2	75
7	10 gal. gas @ 19		1 90
7	~~Fare Lagunitas-SF & return~~		~~1 20~~
7	Sanborn-Vail Co., Higgins Ink .25, watercolors 4.20	3	4 45
7	Lagunitas-SF & ret., fare		1 20
	Fare, SF - Santa Barbara & ret. (S. P.)		17 75
	Meals 2.50, Handbaggage 10; street carefares .30		3 75
	Sleeper-lower		1 25
8	Breakfast 1.00 Pullman Porter .25		
9	Santa Barbara, Arlington Hotel, Room & Board,	4	12 50
	(Lunch 8-dinner 9 incl)		3 75
9	Sleeper-Santa Barbara to San Francisco		1 25
10	Breakfaston diner 1.00 Pullman Porter .35		1 50
14	Robinson Codini Co., Work on car	5	2 50
16	Sub. Sunset Magazine Nov. '22 to Dec. '23	6	60
18	San Rafael-SF & return		2 15
	Street carfares .40; Meals 1.75	7	10 00
18	Calif. Acad. Sci. Reptiles Western N. Am.		2 28
19	12 gal. gas @ 91	8	11 05
19	Kaenel & Becker, Relining brakes & changing oil	9	4 60
19	Expressage from Providence, R. I., (Field Outfit)		
21-30	Field Trip-Clear Lake & Miyakma Mts.		85
23	Tobacco and Fig Bars for Indians		
	Paid Indians for vocabulary work		2 00
23	Charlie McCall - Lakeport		4 00
24	Frank Bucknell, Upper Lake		2 00
25	Solomon Moore, Upper Lake		3 00
27	Jim Pumpkin, Upper Lake		3 00
28	Annie Boone, Middle Creek		7 00
30	Hopland Reha. Old Blind Chief - 1 & 3 quarter days		1 50
30	Fruit for Indians	10	2 00
30	Ukiah-Palace Hotel, room	11	2 25
30	Ukiah-Garage, Storage & Greasing car		6 43
21-30	Gas (30 gal. 6.43), San Rafael 3 gal. @ .57, Hopland, 6 gal. @ 1.32, Upper Lake, 10 gal. @ 2.40 Healdsburg, 5 gal. @ 1.00, San Rafael 6 gal. @ 1.14		
21-30	Field & roadhouse board, self & asst. 10 days @ 1.25 each		25 00
30	Am. Indian Defense Assoc.. - Santa Barbara	12	5 00
30	Allens Press Clippings for June (Inds. & Bears)	13	3 00
30	Marsh & Co., Photographic work etc.		44 97
18	Remington Typewriter Co. Adjusting Monarch	14	1 35
	Typewriter for Miss Clemence		2 50
12	San Anselmo - work on car engine		77
30	June Postage		222 17
			1 20
	Less duplicate entry June 7 (1.20)		$ ~~22.17~~ 220.97

two hundred and twenty ~~two~~ and 97 cts ~~seventeen~~ cents

July 14, 1923

Mr W. I. Adams, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Adams:

Since mailing you my June account today I have discovered a duplicate entry of $1.20 under date of June 7, the same being the round trip fare from Lagunitas to San Francisco.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly strike one of them out and deduct $1.20 from the total, leaving $220.97 as the correct amount (instead of $222.17 as given in the voucher).

Sorry to trouble you.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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